



THE HAYDON NEWS ON LINE



Industrial Archaeologist Robert Forsythe (centre) points out Langley's industrial heritage to visitors (See page 7)

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It's some while since we've had an Editorial in the Haydon News. In the intervening period the committee of the Friends has renewed itself with many new faces joining the group. There's a new chairman and vice chair and later in the year a new treasurer and membership secretary. Check the committee list below.

But that's not the only thing to have happened.

The Railway Hotel has closed, and reopened again, and then closed.

The village has acquired a smart new look to the retaining walls at the end of the old bridge and Church St corner, all topped out with handsome new railings.

The John Martin Heritage Festival has got underway and the fantastic Martin Exhibition has been held at the Laing. Hope you didn't miss it!!

The Community Association has also started fund raising activities. Following two or three years of declining lettings, due the dreadful state of the building, and then closure last year for several months while the building was refurbished, the Community Association is now 'financially challenged'. Members are working hard to get the Association back on a firm financial footing. The first of the fund raising activities started last month with the regular monthly Table Top Sale. Now the Association has started collecting old mobile phones and empty ink cartridges for recycling. If you have an old phone or ink cartridge just bring it along to the monthly Table Top Sale and pop it in the collection box.

Please support the Community Association's fund raising efforts. All the money raised goes towards meeting the running and maintenance costs of Haydon Bridge Community Centre. MP

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in May 2011

Public Participation

The Council received a complaint from a Northern Rail employee about the behaviour of a group of young people who frequently congregate on and around the railway station in the evenings. Recently their behaviour has become increasingly abusive and threatening to staff. A week ago a window in the lower part of the signal box was deliberately smashed by the group. The local police have been informed but seem to have taken little action as the anti-social behaviour continues. The Council is to ask the police to increase their presence in Haydon Bridge, particularly during the evenings.

The Council was informed that the riverside anglers' path west of 'limestone' has been eroded and that private signs have recently appeared along this stretch. A councillor pointed out that while this was a footpath 'by tradition', it was not on the definite map as a public right of way. A group of local people are at present gathering information on the usage by walkers of the path from the 'tunnel top' to 'limestone', to try to get it put on the definite map as a public right of way. A complaint was received about the current state of the land previously part of West End Joinery. A letter is to be sent to the new owners to request that it be tidied.

A councillor reported that they had been told by some one attending a County Council planning meeting that a planning officer had stated that 200 houses were needed in Haydon Bridge. The local County Councillor said that this was a reference to West Tynedale and not just to Haydon Bridge.

A discussion followed on the lack of consultation with the Parish Council by NCC over future plans for housing and the allocation of sites. It was pointed out that the Showfield had been removed from the allocated housing development sites in the Tynedale Development Plan, but that housing development had still gone ahead. It was suggested that the Parish Council send a letter to NCC Planning Department requesting that the 'Village Design Statement' for Haydon Bridge, produced as part of the Parish Plan, be included in its consultation process for allocating future housing sites in the Parish. The notice taken of local views, as expressed by the Parish Council, in general planning decisions was queried by councillors.

Council meeting

8 Councillors were present and Alan Sharp NCC Councillor.

Esmond Faulks was re-elected as chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year, with Eileen Charlton re-elected as vice-chair.

NCC Report.

Cllr Sharp has awarded the Community Association £1,500.00 from his allocated funding to help it overcome its current financial difficulties. These have arisen during a year at the Community Centre of reduced lettings and then closure, for several months, for refurbishment. A list of roads in need of repair in the Parish has been given to the Highways Dept.

Cllr Sharp expressed his pleasure that Haydon Bridge had a cricket team once more and that it had made a good start to the season.

Highways

A letter is to be sent to NCC Highways to point out that the temporary warning signs for motorcyclists near Threepwood and Langley crossroads, block the sightlines of motorists negotiating these junctions.

The BT box at the Langley road junction has been vandalised again. Concern was expressed over the overflowing bin of empty glass bottles by the pavement outside the Anchor Hotel. A letter is to be sent to the Hotel owners.

Increase in the level of graffiti and litter in the subway was noted. The trees to the left of the eastbound carriageway beyond the bridge are overhanging the pavement and need pruning back.

The Spa Well path is in need of repair beyond the football ground.

The Alston directional sign at Esp Hill is to be replaced.

NCC Highways are looking at designs for a new composite sign for the corner of Church Street. This will replace the collection of directional signs currently in place. The new sign will also include a brown directional sign for Hadrian's Wall and a sign for the railway station

Lighting

In a letter, the Council was told that the faulty light at the Showfield is on a section not yet adopted by NCC and is, therefore, the responsibility of the developer, who has been informed.

Planning

Two planning applications were received for the Council's comments. Certificate of lawfulness for proposed outbuilding. Joicey's Shaft, Grindon Hill.

Construction of a 5kw wind generator on a 15m tower. High Staward Cottage, High Staward Farm, Whitfield.

No objections were raised to either application.

The Council was informed of a site meeting by the Planning Committee at the proposed development site at Rest and be Thankful, North Bank. Parish Councillors were invited to attend a Planning Training event to be held in Haltwhistle in July.

Correspondence

The Council received the proposal for the transfer of ownership and responsibility for the maintenance of the Innerhaugh Play Area.

There is a delay in transferring the Showfield Play Area as this is still the responsibility of the developer.

Ownership will need to be transferred to NCC before it can be transferred to the Parish Council.

Parish Projects.

Lighting up the old bridge. The lights are now in place, but the feeder pillar sited without permission next to the railings on the 'new bridge' is to be moved to a site close to the phone booth. The cabling from the lights will pass below the 'new bridge' parapet and through the subway to connect with the feeder pillar.

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HAYDON BRIDGE BAND

Part 5

In previous Haydon News' I have traced the history of Haydon Bridge bands in their different forms back to 1836. A history interrupted only by the First and Second World Wars. Due to many of its members serving in HM Forces, the Haydon Bridge Silver Band did not function during most of the Second World War years.

Following the 1939/45 war, the first official records of the society date from February and March 1946 when it was decided that the Haydon Bridge Band would play in the village for National Peace Celebrations on Saturday June 8th 1946 (See page 6). It was also agreed that the secretary would write to the Langley Barony Fireclay Company, the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Society and the Haydon Bridge Cinema Co., for financial support.

The members of the Haydon Bridge Band were never found wanting when it came to supporting their colleagues, and an 'old fashioned dance' was held in the Church Hall on February 11th 1947, when £5 four shillings and fivepence was raised for John J. Spark who was in financial need; his fellow bandsmen agreed to pay the expenses for the hall.

Due to the 'modernising' of the General Havelock, the last band meeting there was held in October 1949, after which the Oddfellows Hall became the new band-room. The first General Meeting in the Oddfellows was held on May 18th 1950 and those present were: G. Lee Wanless (Chairman), Harry Swallow (Conductor), Lance Spooner (Secretary/Treasurer) Anderson 'Chips' Robinson (Librarian), William 'Billy' Adamson, Peter Brown, Clive Calvert, John Barron, Tommy Heslop, John Heslop, Edward 'Ned' Davison, Lyle Herdman, Doug Eggington, Dave Brown, Drew Brown, Maurice Brown, Raymond McVay, Eddie Brown, Arnold Robinson, T. Philipson, Joe Keen and Matt Smith (Reporter).

At the meeting, tributes were paid to two deceased long serving bandsmen; John J. Spark and Tommy Shields.

By 1950, due to the band's engagements at local garden fetes, concerts and flower shows; together with income from whist drives, dances, the

ladies committee's events, a village pantomime, supporters donations, Christmas playing and a legacy of £50 left to the band by Clara Pringle, a healthy balance of £214 four shillings and fivepence was reported, and it was agreed to cash in £100 of War Bonds and buy new uniforms for the bandsmen and conductor.

There were twenty five players and two junior members, Dave and Edward Brown, in 1950, and the cost of each outfit was £10 one shilling and threepence: tunics and trousers with gilt and scarlet trimmings (£8 six shillings), belts (eleven shillings and ninepence) hats with floral peak (£1 one shilling) and badges (two shillings and sixpence).

Interestingly, all the old uniforms were called in and the ladies committee agreed to make stobby mats from them, which would be given as prizes in competitions, the income going into a uniform and instrument fund.

It seems that this idea was abandoned, however, as it was decided at the AGM of May 10th 1951 to give the old uniforms away, 'to any member of the band who desired them for work clothes'.

Also, at the AGM in 1951, the members of the band observed a silent tribute for the society's former chairman G. Lee Wanless.

Mr. Wanless was succeeded as chairman by Billy Adamson (1951), Joe Keen (1952), John Barron (1953), Peter Brown (1954) and Mark Irwin, who retained the position from 1955 to 1975.

The 1950s proved to be, probably, the most successful decade in the Haydon Bridge Band's history and there will be many readers of The Haydon News today who recall those years with great pleasure, either as bandsmen or, perhaps like me, as one who enjoyed and was thrilled by the big brass sound and the music of a marching band, as a bystander.

The band recruited many new and young members in the 1950s. Alex Robinson joined his brother Arnold in the band in 1950, Mark Irwin, the eventual chairman, joined the band in 1951, and he was followed in 1952 by Danny Brown, K. Churchill, Roy Philipson, C. Newton, E. Hall, and Alan Telford.

The Haydon Bridge Band had never been a 'competition band', as many sponsored bands were, at Haydon Bridge, priority had always been given to performing a variety of music, necessary to engage the support of local audiences upon whom its very existence relied. The Haydon Bridge Band, therefore, was never able to allocate the time required to practice competition pieces to perfection.

In 1953, however, the band won two cups in competition and took second prize in the prestigious Haydon Bridge Flower Show contest, beaten for first place by only one point by the Maryport Albion Band.

In 1953, Harry Swallow the Conductor and Band Master, who was by all accounts a hard task master, was most complimentary about the band's



Matt Smith leads the Haydon Bridge Silver Band and a 1950s Flower Show Queen along John Martin Street. Notice two of the terraced houses that were demolished in the late 1960s, for the access road to the new bridge over the River Tyne.

performances and the way the playing had improved.

The Annual General Meeting of the society, on May 13th 1954, is recorded as especially significant, as it was the first meeting in the history of the Haydon Bridge Band to welcome, 'a playing member of the opposite sex'. The player was Margaret Swallow, daughter of the conductor, who went on to become a most accomplished musician. The committee expressed the hope that many more girls would follow the example of Miss Swallow and join the band.

A future stalwart of the Haydon Bridge Silver Band, Sammy Smith, also joined in 1954 and he was followed in 1955 by J. Foster and Harry Philipson.

The success of the band in both playing and financial terms, in the 1950s, allowed the committee to sanction the purchase of a number of replacements for ageing instruments, including: two Cornets, two Trombones, two Baritones, one Tenor Horn, and one Euphonium.

Even allowing for a regular expenditure on instruments and their carrying cases throughout the 1950s, a regular balance of £200 was retained at the end of each year. This was due to a large extent to collections from Christmas playing at Fourstones and Newbrough; Brokenheugh, Plunderheath, Haydon, Peelwell, Tofts, Heugh House Lane, Chesterwood and Hill House. Threepwood, Dinnetley, Elrington, Woodhall, Langley, Deanraw and Land Ends. In the village the band played regularly on Church Street and in the Station Yard, Brigwood and Innerhaugh; and on the south side, on John Martin Street and Shaftoe Street.

By 1956 Robert Wylie had joined the committee and in 1957, Lance Cousins and two more young ladies, Miss Joan Scaife and Miss Maria Holmes, joined Margaret Swallow as players in the band. In the winter of 1957 the Silver Band's trustee, Joe Keen, died and was replaced by H. Walton.

On January 12th 1958, a special meeting was held to discuss an increase of 100% in rent by the Co-operative Society, for the Oddfellows Hall band room, and it was agreed to approach Mrs McAvoy for an empty club room at the Anchor Hotel. **From March 17th 1958 the Anchor Hotel became the Haydon Bridge Silver Band's permanent home at a rent of £10 per year.**

To be continued

EXPLOSIONS

The minutes of the Haydon Bridge Silver Band in 1951 provide a reminder of an horrific mining disaster in the North East of England.

On May 29th 1951 at 4.30am, an explosion occurred at Easington Colliery killing eighty one miners and two rescuers. It is recorded that this dreadful event was first heard as a low rumble far below ground, followed by a massive explosion of coal dust. A huge wall of flame is said to have roared for more than nine miles through the mine, bringing down the roof and causing numerous rock falls. Many miners were killed instantly but others were trapped and left to die from carbon monoxide poisoning. The death total was so high due to the timing of the explosion and the fact that two shifts were in the colliery at the same time.

This was the worst accident in the history of the National Coal Board and the tragedy at Easington brought shock and sadness to every coal mining community, including our own. A disaster fund was set up for relatives of the deceased, and members of the Haydon Bridge Band and Haydon Parish residents were generous in their support. The relief fund reached a total of £180,000, a massive amount in 1951.

*Come listen all ye miner lads that tek the road in bye,
And I will tell a tragic tale when ten times eight did die,
At Easington in fifty one they saw the gates of Hell,
But they that lived to see the sight they did not live to tell.*

*The day the twenty ninth of May a tragic trick of fate,
Found the night shift on the face the foreshift in the gate,
Explosion wrecked the Quarter seam and killed them all but one,
And many a miner's humble home lost father, brother, son.*

Note! The verses from 'The Easington Explosion' are from 'Songs of the Durham Coalfield' by Jock Purdon

As the years pass, it can easily be forgotten that coal mining was a significant industry and source of employment in our parish. The preserved remains at Stublick are a permanent reminder of our coal mining heritage, but pasture and woodland have largely overgrown other mining sites in the district; including the Mid Tyne Colliery at West Mill Hills, the Haydon Bridge Coal Company's site at Whitechapel and the Whinnetley Drift Mine.

Although the disaster was many miles away in a different county, we know that the Easington dead of 1951 were mourned in Haydon Bridge as elsewhere as, in 1951, many of our local residents still worked in the coal mining industry, in drift mines in the parish and at Morwood and Bardon Mill pits. (See also page 6.)

An earlier tragedy is also of interest in the social history of Haydon Bridge. On February 16th 1882, at about half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, an explosion of gas occurred in the Trimdon Grange Colliery, eleven miles from Durham, causing the death of 69 men and boys. - At least eight of the boy miners were thirteen years or younger. This nineteenth century explosion in the Durham Coalfield did not make the recorded minutes of the Haydon Bridge Band, but does warrant a brief mention in the historical notes of Haydon Bridge due to the twentieth century reaction by a famous visitor, to a written memory of the explosion.

It is the poet Philip Larkin's connection with Haydon Bridge that brings together this link with our village and the 1882 Trimdon tragedy.

After Monica Jones bought 1A Ratcliffe Road in Haydon Bridge in 1961, and was visited there by Philip Larkin her lover, they spent much of their time in the secret hideaway, reading and listening to records together. When in the cottage with Monica at Haydon Bridge, Philip was inspired after listening to north east folk singer Johnny Handle's rendition of Tommy Armstrong's song, 'Trimdon Grange Explosion', recorded on the LP 'The Collier's Rant'.

- 1. Let us not think of tomorrow,
Lest we disappointed be;
All our joys may turn to sorrow,
As we all may daily see.
Today we may be strong and healthy,
But how soon there comes the change,
As we may learn from the explosion,
That has been at Trimdon Grange.*
- 2. Men and boys left home that morning,
For to earn their daily bread,
Little thought before that evening,
They'd be numbered with the dead;
Death will pay us all a visit,
They have only gone before;
We may meet the Trimdon victims,
Where explosions are no more.*

Note! The verses on the previous page are from 'The Trimdon Grange Explosion' by the pitman poet Tommy Armstrong (1848-1920)

One of Philip Larkin's notable later poems was based, according to him, on this:

"... song about a mine disaster, a ballad, a sort of folk song. I thought it very moving... it made me want to write the same thing, a mine disaster with a vision of immortality at the end". *Note 1

In 1970, Philip Larkin wrote his own poem, 'The Explosion'. (Abridged below)

On the day of the explosion
Shadows pointed towards the pithead:
In the sun the slagheap slept.

At noon there came a tremor; cows
Stopped chewing for a second; sun
Scarfed as in a heat-haze dimmed.

Down the lane came men in pitboots
Coughing oath-edged talk and pipe-smoke
Shouldering off the freshened silence.

The dead go on before us they
Are sitting in God's house in comfort
We shall see them face to face -

It is significant in tracing the source of Philip's inspiration for the poem, that he refers to the 'explosion', as did Tommy Armstrong, rather than the more usual mining 'disaster'. Also, the sentiments expressed in Larkin's lines (shown underlined above) clearly mirror Tommy Armstrong's 'vision of immortality'. i.e. 'We may meet the Trimdon victims where explosions are no more.'

Maybe this poem was composed in the south facing first floor bedroom on Ratcliffe Road overlooking the River Tyne where, according to Monica's neighbour June Willis, "Philip spent a lot of time writing when he stayed with Monica".

Whether our **Haydon Bridge Silver Band** ever inspired Philip Larkin's writing is unknown. Perhaps it did, though, because we do know for certain that their performances plucked at his heart strings. Professor Dick Watson, a friend of Monica's, recalls a particular moving moment at Haydon Bridge as described to him by Monica.

"On Boxing Day morning the Haydon Bridge Silver Band would go round the village playing. She (Monica) got them to play 'Lead Kindly Light' which made Philip cry!" **Note 2

Notes:

* Information provided by Alan Myers (1933-2010) in correspondence to the author.

** J.R. Watson. 'Monica Jones A Personal Memoir.' 'About Larkin' Issue No. 11.

Note! The verses in this article provide a flavour of the original songs/poem but have been abridged.

BARDON MILL COLLIERY

My previous articles exploring our coal mining history, (HN issues April-August 2008) concentrated on pits within the Parish of Haydon. As noted above, however, many pitmen who lived in and around Haydon Bridge, travelled outside the parish to work.

For example, Bardon Mill pit employed many of our resident miners, from its early days until its closure as an NCB pit on November 5th 1973; a year when two hundred and seventy workers were employed there. The maximum number of employees at any one time at Bardon Mill was three hundred and forty in 1964, and I am grateful to one of those pitmen and Haydon Bridge resident, Len Wilkinson, for his memories of Bardon Mill Pit and his 'Marras' from Haydon Parish.

I'll let Len explain: 'Bardon Mill was

a drift mine 340 yards long with a gradient of 1 in 3 to reach the coal seam which was the Little Limestone Seam, varying in height from between 18 inches and 24 inches. The coal was cut by machine from faces about 120 feet long and it was filled by hand onto the conveyors. Each man had to fill approximately ten yards of coal and it was transported from the face to the surface by belt. At its peak, the mine produced around 4,000 tons of coal every week, 80% to power stations and 20% for domestic use.

The mine, sunk alongside the River Tyne, was saturated with water, and to overcome this problem thirty nine pumps were needed, pumping two million gallons of water each day.

The screening plant at Bardon Mill was once used by the old Barcombe Colliery, the coal having to come on

1946 HAYDON BRIDGE VICTORY DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Haydon Bridge Silver Band re-assembled following the Second World War, to play for the 'Peace Day' celebrations at Haydon Bridge.

Mr. Noel Shaw, Mrs. Hetty Brown and the Rev. C.R. Ransome were the organising committee for the 1946 V. Day celebrations at Haydon Bridge and following a proposal by Ernie Harrison, seconded by G.J. Wardle, the Parish Council made a contribution of £15 to the cost of a public opening ceremony, a fancy dress parade, tea and sports for the children, and a cinema entertainment for the children on Whit Monday.

On Saturday June 8th, Kitchener Moore, a returned prisoner of war, was Legion standard bearer, and ex-sergeant Jack Westall laid a wreath on the War Memorial. Mrs F.R.L. Mellersh opened the proceedings and was presented with a bouquet by Margaret Gilchrist.

Mrs. Mellersh, Mrs. R. Bell, Mrs. Routledge and Mrs. Edge judged the fancy dress costumes and they included these winners:

Muriel Walton (The Post Office), Peter Routledge (Sleepless Nights), Margaret Gilchrist (A Nurse), Rhoda Brown (Victory), Bobby Beckworth (Pirate), Norma Brown (Prince Charming), John Oliver (Safety First), Doreen Brown and Marlene Turnbull (Derby and Joan), Margaret Hill (Miner), Rene Lax (Japanese), Pat Ridley (Waiting for the Old Man), Dorothy Paul (Red Riding Hood), Margaret Bond (Nell Gwynne), Kathleen Robinson (Granny), Aileen Hill (New Loaf), Kathleen Burrows (Robin Hood) and Sandra Moore (A Fairy). Fifty other children took part in the Fancy Dress Parade and received consolation prizes.

Following children's sports, the young people were entertained to tea in the Methodist Youth Club - today's Community Centre - and there was a bonfire and fireworks in the evening to round off the V. Day celebrations.

an aerial flight from the colliery to the railway sidings to be loaded onto rail wagons.

In part of the mine which was under the railway, you could actually tell whether it was a passenger train or a goods train that was above you, by the noise it made as it went over the joints in the line.'

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BARDON MILL PIT (Cont. from page 6.)

Haydon Bridge men who worked at the Bardon Mill pit included:

William (Billy) Brown, Benson Brown, Jack Philipson, Phil Philipson, Jake Hill, Jackie Wardle, Sid Bell, Kit Routledge, Sid Thompson, Sid Taberham, Horace Powell, Kitchie Moore, Jack Davies, Maurice Cousin, Thomas Armstrong, Eric Rimmer, John Willie Hill, Lyle Herdman, Doug Eggington, Derek Noble, Harry Bowman, Arthur Fulton, Trueman Reed, Joe Edwards, William Billy Pickering, Colin Irwin, Emanuel 'Manny' Tazey, Albert Humble, John Tallantyre and our Haydon News contributor, of course, to whom I am most grateful, **Len Wilkinson**.

Viewers' Reports for a mine at Bardon Mill exist from 1828 and its various later owners were: Henshaw and Barcombe Colliery Co. Ltd (1920s), Errington Reay & Co. (1930s), Birkshaw Colliery Co. Ltd (1940s) and from 1947 to its 1973 closure, the National Coal Board.

In our previous two issues, Alex Robinson and Robert Ford recalled the Haydon Bridge Scouts' 1950s Summer Camp at Pooley Bridge.

Former Haydon Bridge resident Harold Humble's published poem is a reminder of those happy days.

POOLEY BRIDGE

The waters were silent in old Pooley Bridge,
As I walked up the hill and gazed from the ridge,
Then they all flooded back those old memories of mine,
Of when we went camping with the Scouts there one time.

I think it was fifty or fifty one,
But whatever the date it was lots of fun,
Old Bob Campbell was the Scouts' Master there,
He was one great man with plenty of flare.

The time he gave to the Scouts was unreal,
He worked very hard and with plenty of zeal,
There was never a bad word said about Bob,
And no one was better at doing the job.

With Bert, Dick and Alan I had a good time,
And Roy, Cliff and Michael, all good friends of mine,
I just hope they remember the good times we had,
And the good people that helped make our lives so glad.

An old barn by the camp was haunted they say,
That night we had fun as the ghost Bob did play,
He was howling and hooting, made a dreadful noise,
And a great time was had by all of the boys.

But then it's all over far too soon,
Watson's truck arrives the next afternoon,
We took down the tents and packed them away,
And the camping was over for another day.

And would it not be just great to have one last little ramble,
With all of our mates and our old friend, 'Bob Campbell'.

Edited from 'Old Pooley Bridge' by Harold Humble.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY AT LANGLEY ON TYNE

A JOHN MARTIN HERITAGE FESTIVAL EVENT

The Garden Station at Langley was full to capacity on Saturday May 14th, for an event in the John Martin Heritage Festival, when industrial archaeologist Robert Forsythe tried to make sense of the overgrown and dilapidated remains of the Langley and Blagill Lead Smelt Mills.

The importance of Langley in our parish's industrial past is remarkable and yet, other than at the Garden Station and the smelt mills' flue chimney, little has been done to enlighten visitors.

The failure to preserve these historic remains in reasonable condition does provide today's generation with mysteries to solve however.

Following an introduction to the Lead industry in the North Pennines and lead smelting at Langley, together with an insight into how cultural figures - including our own John Martin - have

reacted to and been influenced by the appeal of the industry and landscape of the North Pennines, Robert took those present on a fascinating walk through the remains of the lead smelters, their leats, dams, horizontal flues and famously preserved chimney.

The event, introduced by Ian Foster on behalf of the Haydon Bridge 2011 John Martin Heritage group, proved a great success and the historic Garden Station, with its memories and memorabilia of steam trains on the Hexham to Allendale Branch Line, was a pleasant and most appropriate venue.

LANGLEY MILLS

Greenwich Hospital's 18th century Langley and Blagill Lead Smelters were sited adjacent to the present day A686 road. (To the south and west of today's Langley Saw Mill.)

The smelters, as seen below, closed in 1887 and by 1896 had been largely demolished.



A BRIEF TIMELINE OF LANGLEY'S INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

Coal Mining at Stublick: Circa 1684 to its close as a major employer in 1926; although John William Stobart continued to mine Sublick privately until he was killed there in 1927.

Langley Smelt Mill: 1768 to 1887.

Blagill Smelt Mill: (Adjacent to the Langley Mill) 1785 to 1887.

Hexham & Allendale Branch Line (With a spur into the lead smelt mills) : Goods: 1867 - 1950. Passenger: 1869 - 1930.

Langley Barony Fireclay Company: 1892 to 1952.

VANDALISM

It has been brought to our attention that gardens that have been well kept and carefully nurtured by residents in Langley Gardens have been vandalised at night by young people in the village.

The police have been informed, but we appeal to the good sense of those involved to respect those in the community whose efforts make Haydon Bridge a bright and pleasant place to live.

Please treat property belonging to others as you would treat your own laptops, iphones and Xboxes.

Shaftoe Trust First School.

EXPLOSIVE FUN IN KIELDER!

On the very first day back after Easter Kielder Class were treated to a spectacular volcanic eruption by Mr Steve Wright as part of their introductory lessons for the new topic 'Natural Earth'. It was so dramatic Mr Newton had to clean the ceiling tiles!

They found rocks that floated and learned about earthquakes. In pairs the children made plasticine models of planet earth to help learn about its internal structure.

CREATIVE LEARNING WITH MR HOPPER.

Once again all children are being enthused and inspired by a range of creative outdoor learning activities. They completed leaf prints based on old Chinese traditions and worked cooperatively as teams to dodge the deadly water pistol brandished by a blindfolded Mr Hopper. Further activities and visits are planned for June.

JOHN MARTIN

Children in Kielder and Alnwick classes have been working with the artist Karen Rann using thinking skills to explore pieces of art.

On Wednesday 18th we visited the Laing Art Gallery to explore the work of John Martin. It was a fantastic experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed the stories behind the pictures. They also worked as teams to present their own interpretation of John Martin's painting 'Alpheus and Arethusa'. This art work will be displayed at the village art exhibition so please come along to see them.



WALT DISNEY—WATCH OUT!

During June everyone will work with the artist Robin Webb who specialises in animation. Staff and children will learn different techniques and produce their very own animation. Watch out for more exciting information.



NORTHUMBERLAND AND NORTH TYNESIDE TRADER REGISTER

Finding a home improvement tradesperson can be a worry for many homeowners and the Trading Standards service regularly receives calls from residents requesting names of reputable tradespeople.

The Northumberland and North Tyneside Trader Register has been set up by Northumberland Trading Standards Service who, in conjunction with Northumberland Care Trust and North Tyneside Trading Standards Service, have developed a new scheme which aims to assist consumers in choosing a Home Improvement Tradesperson.

Traders admitted to the scheme have undergone certain checks by trading standards relating to their complaints and credit history, insurance provision and compliance with consumer protection law. In addition the traders admitted to the scheme have declared compliance with a Code of Practice and are committed to providing a high degree of customer service.

A number of traders have already been recruited to the Register and residents should look out for the logo. Recruitment is ongoing so residents are urged to check the register frequently as new traders will be added on a regular basis.

Residents can be given details of traders in their area by calling 0845 600 6400. or by visiting the website: www.traderregister.org.uk/nnt and clicking 'Find a Trader'.

Any tradespeople interested in joining the scheme can do so by visiting the website: www.traderregister.org.uk/nnt and clicking on 'New Trader Registrations'.



HAYDON BRIDGE WAR MEMORIAL by Pam and Ken Linge

We continue our series of articles on those individuals who died in the Great War. The biographies are published chronologically and the fifth and sixth casualties, in 1915, were
Fred Lee and William Alexander (Sandy) Paxton

(5) FRED LEE



Photograph from Hexham Courant

Fred served as Lance Corporal, 17010, "C" Company, 1/4th Battalion (Territorials), Northumberland Fusiliers.

He was posted as missing in action on 26th April 1915, aged 26.

One of five children of John and Hannah Lee (nee Rumney) who had lived at New Alston.

A member of the Primitive Methodist Sunday School, he worked at Settlingstones Mine and then moved with his family to Ashington.

A Territorial, he enlisted at Hexham and went to France on 20th April 1915.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial and the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's, Fred is also commemorated on the Shaftoe School Memorial, the organ in the Methodist Church and on the Ashington War Memorial.

Fred has no known grave and is therefore commemorated on one of the panels on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium.



(6) WILLIAM ALEXANDER 'SANDY' PAXTON



Photograph courtesy of
Haydon Bridge Community Centre

Sandy served as Private, 1719, "C" Company, 1/4th Battalion (Territorials), Northumberland Fusiliers.

He was posted as missing in action on 26th April 1915, aged 21.

One of at least seven children of John and his second wife Mary Ann Paxton (nee Parker) who lived in John Martin Street.

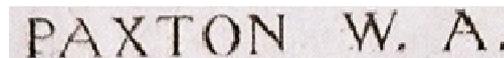
Employed as a jobbing gardener, he enlisted at Hexham during the September 1914 recruitment campaign and went to France on 20th April 1915.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial and the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's, Sandy is also commemorated on the Shaftoe Trust School Memorial, the Methodist Church Memorial Table and the Roll of Honour in the T.A. Centre, Hexham.



On Sunday 16th May 1915 a memorial service was held in Haydon Bridge's Primitive Methodist Chapel for Sandy and three other soldiers (Davidson, Kirby and Robson) who had died by that time. The service was opened by the Rev. Kershaw, of the Congregationalists, who was later to die in December 1916 whilst serving as a Private in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Sandy has no known grave and is therefore commemorated on one of the panels on the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium.



If you have any information relating to Fred Lee, 'Sandy' Paxton or any of those individuals commemorated on the Haydon Bridge Memorial, then please contact Pam & Ken Linge at: Drystones, Heugh House Lane, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6HJ, phone (01434) 684050 or email: pam_ken.linge@btinternet.com.

MENIN GATE MEMORIAL

The memorial was unveiled on July 24th 1927, dedicated to British and Commonwealth soldiers killed in the area round Ypres in Belgium and whose graves are unknown.



A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

While exploring The Wall recently I came across a yellow sign at the roadside which, if I recall correctly, said “Roman Soldiers Wanted”. I guess that this was to do with some sort of re-enactment, but I found it very tempting to point out that first of all, Roman soldiers wouldn’t understand modern English, secondly, that most of them left this area quite a while ago, and thirdly, that those still alive must be past working age by now. Perhaps they will dig some up during the Roman Excavations? I wonder what the Romans made of our local weather?

Talking of which, the dry weather of March continued into April so by the end of the month the ground was hard and dry, and watercourses were running lower than many can remember. And gardeners were developing longer arms after carrying endless gallons of water.

The first six days of April were relatively unsettled with heavy showers, after which there was little further rain for the remainder of the month. The total rainfall for the month was 13.7mm of which 13.0mm fell over the first five days. There were 23 days on which no significant rainfall was recorded. Although April has, on average, the lowest rainfall of the year, for much of the UK this was one of the driest on record. Many days were sunny and warm and on the 9th and 10th managed to top the 20 degC mark. The warmth brought a rapid start to the growing season – and unfortunately also to the lawn mowing season !!!

Temperatures remained highest while the wind was from a generally westerly direction but by mid-month easterly winds brought in cooler air from the North Sea and, although sunny, days were cooler with night temperatures falling when the skies were clear. The easterly breeze brought in moisture so conditions were occasionally quite murky, clearing only slowly after early morning mist and fog. The wind was often moderate to fresh which introduced a marked chill to the air in more exposed areas. The average daytime maximum temperature for the whole month was close to 4 degC above the long-term average, which was typical for much of the UK and was nationally the warmest April on record.

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

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Relative to long-term average degC	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
April	15.3	+3.9	5.3	+1.4	13.7	30

After a warm dry spell, unsettled weather is often heralded by thunder and lightning. In the towering cumulus clouds there can be a build-up of static electricity, which is discharged to the ground in the form of lightning. There is an explosive expansion of the air in the vicinity of the discharge, which is heard as thunder. The rapid speed at which light travels means that our sight of a lightning discharge is almost instantaneous but as sound travels at only 300 m (984 ft) per second it takes roughly 5 seconds for the sound to cover 1 mile. So by timing the interval between flash and bang we can work out roughly how far away a thunderstorm is from us – count the seconds and divide by 5 to estimate the mileage.

And finally, we are now well into the wedding season and in many communities they become a regular feature of Saturday afternoons over the summer. I am mindful of something my friend Gladys heard at a recent wedding.....

“Marriage teaches us self-restraint, forbearance, and a lot of other qualities we would not need nearly so badly if we had stayed single”.



A PUB WITH NO BEER

At the time of writing, in spite of its new coat of paint, the Railway Hotel has a forlorn look about it, its doors barred to customers once again. Since Tuesday May 23rd it has been a case of “a lock out” rather than “a lock in”.

In the meantime, Alison thanks all her staff and those customers who supported the Railway pub during her short tenancy; and we offer Alison and her family best wishes for their future.

HAYDON OLD CHURCH

A new history and guide to the old church at Haydon (£3) is available from ‘The Bridge’ and Claire’s Newsagents. If you are interested in the church’s history or would like to visit our 12th century chapel of ease, pick up a guide and the key at Claire’s.

All profits go to supporting Haydon Old Church.





**SOME OF THE SCHOOL AND ADULT
ACTIVITIES IN THE
JOHN MARTIN HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

Clockwise from top left:

Dr Elizabeth Pickett discusses rock specimens on the 'Art of Geology' walk.

Artist Karen Rann talks with a pupil at Shaftoe First School about his painting during a two day art workshop

Pupils at Shaftoe First School completing their John Martin inspired painting.

Students at Allendale Middle School construct dioramas as part of their art workshop with artist Paul Belcher.

A completed diorama ready for display.

Artist Lionel Playford with some of the participants in an art workshop at the Community Centre.





JOHN MARTIN
 HERITAGE FESTIVAL
 MARCH 2011-SUMMER 2012
 HAYDON BRIDGE



**TICKETS FOR EVENTS MARKED * ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
 BRIDGE LIBRARY AND CLAIRE'S NEWSAGENT, HAYDON BRIDGE
 TICKETS £2.00**

John Martin Festival Events in June

Saturday,

June 4th ***Igniting the imagination.** A poetry workshop with Linda France.
 10.00am-4.00pm at Haydon Bridge Community Centre.

June 9th **Evening walk.** Free of charge but advanced booking requested.
 6.30pm-9.00pm. Meet at The Bridge Library, Haydon Bridge.

June 17th **JOHN MARTIN: PERCEPTION, SENSATION & VIRTUAL REALITY**
 An illustrated talk by **BARBARA MORDEN** looking at how
 Martin's paintings relate to visual media and popular
 entertainment at the time and into the 21st century.

***Musical entertainment will be provided by Andrew and
 Nicola Davison, Northumbrian pipers, and friends.***

Free interval buffet with nibbles and wine.

Friday, 17th June at 7.30pm. Haydon Bridge Community Centre
**Tickets £2.00 from The Bridge Library and Claire's newsagents in
 Haydon Bridge & Cogito Bookshop, Hexham**

June 25th **John Martin Trail.** Meet at The Bridge Library, Haydon Bridge at
 10.00am.
 A guided walk round the southern loop of the John Martin Trail.
 Free of charge but advanced booking requested.
 This is a full day walk of about 11 miles with some rough and
 muddy sections and steep climbs. Please wear stout footwear,
 and bring waterproof clothing and a packed lunch.
 Expected time of arrival back at Haydon Bridge 5.00pm

A REMINDER. The John Martin Exhibition at the Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle closes on June 5th. It is likely to prove one of the most successful exhibitions mounted at the Laing in recent years. If you haven't been to see it yet you have just over a week to do so. **When the John Martin Exhibition opens at Tate Britain in September visitors will have to pay £14.00 admission. At the Laing it is free.**

Parish Council notes (continued from page 3)

John Martin Project.

The weekend courses/talks/activities have been very well attended. However, mid week sessions have proved less popular. A second phase of the project is to be planned in the coming weeks. This covers the period from September 2011-July 2012 and will avoid midweek activities as far as possible.

Event programmes for phase 2 will be available from August.

The Bridge Library.

A very successful open day was held on 21st May to celebrate The Bridge's 1st anniversary as a Community Library, Tourist Information Point and meeting place. (See article on page 15)

Information Panel for the Old Bridge. Dennis Telford has written text for the panel, which will inform locals and visitors of the bridge's history and development. The Council agreed this so the plan will now go to English Heritage for approval.

When all approvals are received the plan is to site the panel close to the wall at the north end of the bridge, where it will be visible from Ratcliffe Road and Church Street.

The design of the panel will be similar to those on the John Martin Trail.

ATM.

The Co-op Bank have agreed to the placement of an ATM in the wall of their Ratcliffe Road premises, and are now engaging a contractor to install it.

Woodland burial area at the Cemetery. The council was presented with a plan for a woodland burial scheme at the Cemetery. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

The Next meeting will be on June 23rd at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

MP

Haydon Bridge High School

For Year 11 and the 6th Form, May has been a tense time in school as all of the GCSE exams, and some of the A Level exams, have started. However, as well as the exams, other things have been happening.

On Thursday, 23th June there will be a 'Year 11 Leavers' Celebration' which will take place at Ridley Hall. It is being organised by the school's Student Voice (student committee). On Tuesday, 3rd May three members from student voice – Fiona Charlton, Alex Thomas and myself – went to Ridley Hall to begin organising the event. We had spoken to the chef to organise the barbeque food, and we had a tour of the grounds, so we could work out where things were going to be setup – particularly the band (s). But this being Britain, we cannot guarantee good weather so we even have a back up plan to move everything inside.

Also, on 25th and 26th May, we had the auditions for the next school production – Bugsy Malone. The show will take place in November and anyone who wants to be in the show is welcome. The auditions were to cast the main parts.

The Geography Department had more field trips last month. They took two groups of student to Housesteads to work with The National Trust and with English Heritage. On Wednesday, 11th May they took 31 students. Although it was wet in the morning, the skies cleared up for them in the afternoon. They took another 39 students on Thursday, 12th May but it was colder and wetter. So much so that they had to come home early. Apparently, some of the girl's footwear was interesting, considering they were going to the Roman Wall!

As usual, the Sports Department have been busy competing in competitions across the county, and are building up a fantastic reputation for the school. Six students competed in the North-East Indoor Rowing Championships with Toby Robinson coming 5th in his race. The school's Under 18 Rugby Team have been doing exceptionally well. They took part in the Tyneside Under 18 Rugby Championships and won the whole competition, beating the other 19 schools! Well done guys.

You may remember that back on Friday 25th March, we had our Annual Charity Day organised by the school's 6th Form. The theme this year was Heroes and Villains. We were raising money for 'Help for Heroes' and 'The Stroke Association.' It was an incredible day with some very imaginative costumes – including someone as a box of Heroes! Overall we raised a staggering £1326.99 for the two charities. Well done everyone, we didn't quite beat last years total of £1583, but let's see if we can do it next year!

Please support our school. I will give you more information next month.

Elliott Wallis
Year 11 student

Haydon Bridge Community Association

Monthly Table Top Sale.

Saturday, 25th June 10.00am-12 noon

Haydon Bridge Community Centre.

Admission free

Tea and coffee available.

To book your table phone,
Eileen 684505 or Mike 684340
Tables £10.00
Tables set up from 9.00am

**WE'RE COLLECTING OLD
INK CARTRIDGES AND OLD
MOBILE PHONES.
JUST BRING THEM ALONG
& POP THEM IN THE BOX.**

**HAYDON BRIDGE
RIVER WATCH GROUP.**

**RIVER CLEAN
TUESDAY 21st JUNE
6.00pm-8.00pm
Meet at the
Football Field.**

For further details please contact
Barbara on 01434 688886

CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE
from

Les Hann

Dear Friends,

"June is busting out all over" goes the old song but it is still raining as I write (May) .

Summer should be with you in June. It will be summer on the 21st June, officially, no matter what the weather is doing, but we have an idealised view of what summer should be like, and that's what we want and anything else is a disappointment. But we will accept, rather reluctantly, that this year summer may be less than ideal. In so much of our lives we have an "ideal" picture of what love, friendship, being the church is all about and often we are disappointed by what we get but reluctantly we accept that that is how life is.

June 12th is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost or Whitsunday is about a group of disappointed and dispirited disciples being filled with the Holy Spirit and shaken out of their self pity to embrace the message of love for themselves and the world. It is the spirit of God bursting out, pushing us onwards, and opening new ways of being the people of God.

Trinity Sunday follows Pentecost. The Trinity is about encountering the whole of God in our daily experience. It is about experiencing love, reconciliation and renewal to become more fully human.

The people of Afghanistan and so many other war torn places in the world will only see peace and justice through love, reconciliation and renewal.

To embrace change and disappointment and infuse them with spirit and love will help change things.

We can't change the weather but we can change our attitude and we can change the world for the better.

Les Hann

JUNE 2011



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

NOTICE.

On Saturday, 4th June Father Pyle will conduct a service for all those people living in Haydon Parish who are not in the best of health, and their friends. Father Pyle will say Mass at 11.00am and invites anyone who would like to attend to come to St John's Church.

If you require transport please ring 01434 684265 or 01434 674317.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Church Hall after the service.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

5th June

10.00am Morning Worship
Mark Knowles
6 pm Communion Service
Rev Les Hann

12th June

10.00am Family Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm United Service for
Pentecost
Rev Leo Pyle

19th June

10.00am Morning Worship
Roger Bland
6.00pm Evening Worship
Bob McAlpin

26th June

10.00am Morning Worship
John Green
6.00pm Praise Evening
Charles Ford
Jackie Males

Messy Church
8th June
3.30pm at the
Methodist Church.
Come along and bring
your friends

BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES

5th June

Beltingham
9.30am BCP Communion

12th June

*10.30am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

19th June

Henshaw
9.30am Communion

26th June

Henshaw
10.30am Joint Service

3th July

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

HAYDON OLD CHURCH SERVICES

5th June

6.00pm
Rogation Evensong

26th June

6.00pm Evensong

ST JOHN OF BEVERLEY CHURCH SERVICES

Mass each Sunday at 9.30am
at St John's

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

5th June

11.00am BCP Communion

12th June

10.30am Joint Communion
Service

19th June

11.00am Communion Service

26th June

*10.30am Joint Service at
Henshaw*

3rd July

11.00am BCP Communion

THE BRIDGE

More than fifty visitors during the day celebrated **The Bridge's** first year of operation on Saturday May 21st. One hundred new members of the library have been enrolled during the year and around thirty volunteer staff have been trained to help out during opening hours.

Ida Burrows, Eileen Charlton and Eileen Chapman (Photograph, left to right) expressed their delight at the success of **The Bridge** and are looking forward to welcoming even more visitors to the library and tourist information centre during its second year.

The plant and vegetable stall was especially busy on the 21st and will be outside **The Bridge** each Saturday during the summer. Pat Hirst, whose idea it was to introduce this village venture, thanks everyone who donated to the stall on its opening day (May 7th) and each Saturday since. Further produce for the stall will be most welcome each week, as will second hand hardback / paperback books and jigsaws, the sales / loans of which go towards the running costs of **The Bridge**.

Perhaps you haven't called in to **The Bridge** yet. Please do so; to browse the collection of books, jigsaws, artists' paintings etc, to use the computers, or just to have a chat over a cup of coffee.

The Bridge will be open six days a week during the school summer holidays and everyone is welcome. (See the Notices on page 16 for usual opening hours.)



NOTICES

HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB SEQUENCE DANCING



EVERY MONDAY
7.30 to 10.00pm at

Haydon Bridge Community Centre
Only £1 inc. tea & biscuits

DANCING IS FOR FUN
Ask for details at: 01434 684 459

VICTIM SUPPORT

Working for victims of crime.

If you are a victim of crime, we are able to offer support in practical and emotional ways. Just a phone call away. Call *Leanne* at:

01661830770

82, Front St. Prudhoe. NE42 5PU

or

01670822334

(Bedlington office)

THE MEETING PLACE

at THE METHODIST CHURCH

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

Warm welcome to all

HAYDON BRIDGE UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

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

WEST TYNEDALE JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 6yrs-11yrs

TAG/CONTACT RUGBY

MEET AT HAYDON BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

ON SUNDAYS 10.30am- 12.00noon

CONTACT SUE BELL 688534. ALL WELCOME.

IF YOU CAN READ AND SPEAK FRENCH
PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE
FRENCH READING GROUP
IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. ONCE A
MONTH IN HAYDON BRIDGE/HEXHAM.
CONTACT: Lydia 01434 688 470

THE BRIDGE LIBRARY OPENING TIMES.

Telephone 01434 688658

MONDAY: 9.00am-12 noon

WEDNESDAY: 1.00pm-4.00pm

FRIDAY: 4.00pm-7.00pm

SATURDAY: 9.30am-12.30am

HAYDON BRIDGE LOCAL ARTISTS' GROUP

HAYDON ART CLUB

Open to all, first session free. Meets fortnightly at
HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Wednesdays, 6.30pm-9.15pm

Sessions this month:

June 8th & June 22nd

HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS MEDICAL PRACTICE

(Haydon Bridge Health Centre)

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

Doctors consult between: **8.00am and 11.00am**
3.00pm and 5.30pm

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

All phone calls for dispensing or prescriptions: **01434 688351**

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

Website www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk

HAYDON BRIDGE JUDO CLUB.

Keep Fit, Have Fun! Young and Old welcome.

On Tuesdays at Haydon Bridge High School

Juniors: 6pm – 7pm

Seniors: 7pm – 9pm

BJA Qualified Coaches

Contact Michael on: **01 434 684 783**

WHIST DRIVES

Langley Village Hall

Fortnightly on Saturdays
at 7pm.

£1.00 entrance

(Everyone welcome)

HAYDON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

To make a booking for the Centre please
contact **Valerie on 01434 684705**

WANTED

Haydon Bridge Community Association is looking for a
volunteer to join the Committee as Membership
Secretary.

The main duties would be to maintain a record of, and
collect membership fees from, people taking out
Individual Membership of the Association. For details
please contact Mike 684340 or Valerie as above.

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB SUMMER WALKS PROGRAMME 2011

Walks start at 6.30pm prompt from the given meeting place. If
there is doubt that the walk will take place because of bad
weather, please confirm with the walk leader or programme
secretary (01434 06173). Please come properly equipped with
hiking boots, waterproofs and car share where possible.

June 9th. John Martin Trail East Loop. (Threepwood,
Elrington, Haydon Spa). Starting from The Bridge
Library, Haydon Bridge NGR NY842644. Walk leader
Henry Swaddle (01434 684 498). This walk is part of the John
Martin Festival.

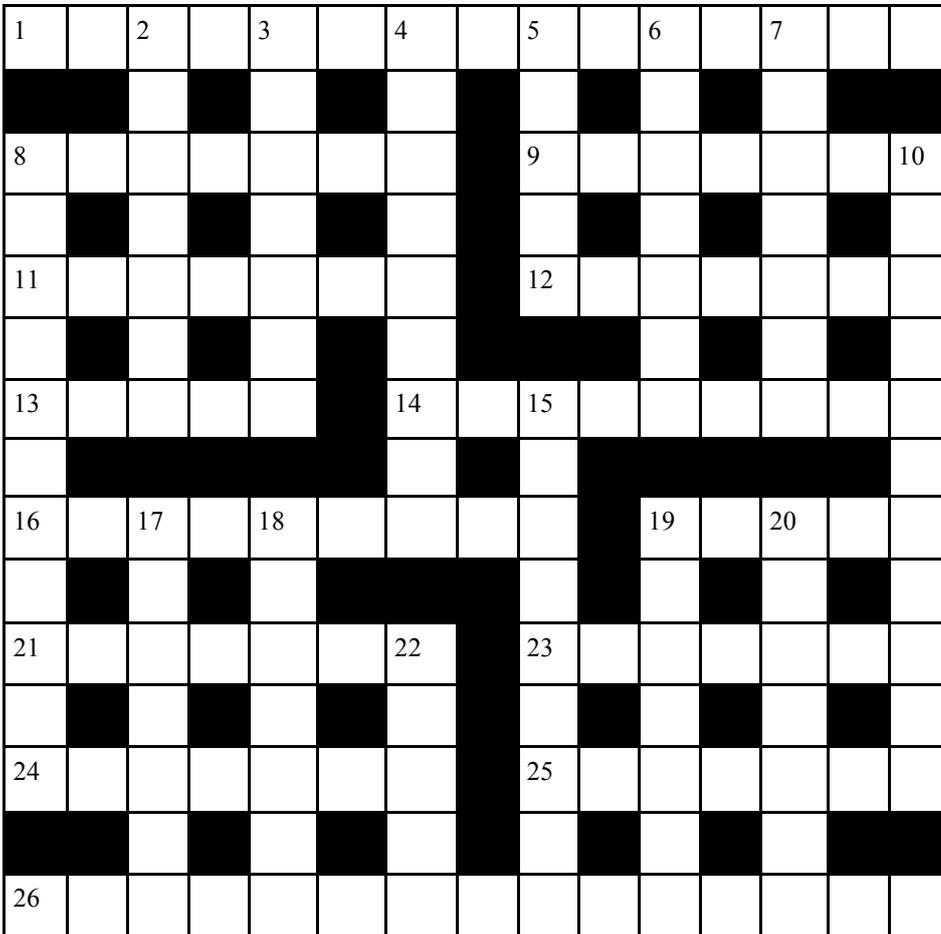
June 23rd. Oakwood. Meet at the Market Place,
Allendale Town. GR 838 558. Walk leader Cynthia Bradley.
01434 684 622

July 7th. Harsondale. Meet at the gate next to the
country lane near Carts Bog. GR815 613. Walk leader
Ann Carter. 01434 684 856

The £10 Crossword

NAME:

ADDRESS:



ACROSS

1. Hope recent storm breaks to reveal Monsoon.(11,4)
8. Park about the verge when you go to this one.(7)
9. Precious stone discovered in the confused period before time began. (7)
11. Friends follow river and exchange shots.(7)
12. I ran around before Old Boy and I reached the capital.(7)
13. Was this one formed around Ascot? (5)
14. They can stop a juggernaut in a 'B' risk area.(3,6)
16. Ted and who? It will need to be somebody.(3-6)
19. Assists beast to escape.(5)
21. Nothing more than a moggy, we hear, but is beyond compare!(7)
23. Allow it after ten turned before the French.(7)
24. Shoes made for idle bakers perhaps.(7)
25. Rescues maybe, acquires definitely. (7)
26. Measures with Charles or Frank perhaps in this one. (5,3,7)

SOLUTIONS TO MAY'S CROSSWORD. (62)

Across

- 1 Motorcycle
- 7 Tuba
- 9 Advocate
- 10 Orkney
- 11 Unable
- 13 Provence
- 14 Clear varnish
- 17 Delightfully
- 20 Fair hair
- 21 Poetic
- 22 Capone
- 23 Optimate
- 25 Seam
- 26 Yellow bird

Down

- 2 Ordinals
- 3 Ono
- 4 Chase
- 5 Creeper
- 6 Economist
- 7 To keep house
- 8 Breech
- 12 Bladderworm
- 15 Villagery
- 16 Cloister
- 18 Garboil
- 21 Patio
- 24 Mob

DOWN

2. Does this one have Shoes, Slippers and Sandals in three's? (6,1)
3. Instrumental part of a Polo car inactivity.(7)
4. Break down of deal links to Canadian National Park.(3,6)
5. Pet returns before start of Indian dish and finds the chilli.(5)
6. Nobleman one followed to the queen, sooner rather than later.(7)
7. Fish I had before the boat came in. (7)
8. Drug manufactured from a top caramel mixture.(11)
10. Match nurses or nuns that are very similar.(4,7)

15. She changes clothes and makes amends.(9)
17. On a pier, perhaps, not closed for a simple tune.(4,3)
18. Task Len undertook to make ornamental chains.(7)
19. Cheat at being a diplomat.(7)
20. Recipient loses Greek letter and turns visceral.(7)
22. Fighter who appropriately had a stony disposition.(5)

NUMBER OF ENTRIES
7 (6 correct)

THIS MONTH'S WINNER
Carole Muir

*Entries in before **SATURDAY, 18th JUNE, 2011**
Please hand your entry to Claire's Newsagents
or by post to The Editors (please see page 2).*

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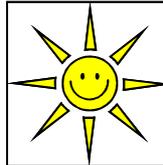
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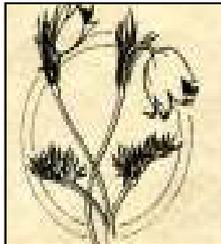
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Class	Description	Prize Money £		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
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2	2 x Carrots (Long)	10	8	5
3	3 x Carrots (Stumpy)	10	8	5
4	3 x Onions (Dressed)	10	8	5
5	1 x Cauliflower	10	8	5
6	1 x Cabbage - White	10	8	5
7	Collection of vegetables (2 of each, 3 varieties)	15	10	5
8	3 x Beetroot (Globe)	10	8	5
9	1 x Cucumbers	10	8	5
10	6 x Tomatoes	10	8	5
11	Heaviest Onion	10	8	5
12	4 Coloured Potatoes	10	8	5
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FLOWER SECTION				
Class	Description	Prize Money £		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
14	Vase of spray Chrysanthemums (As grown)	10	5	
15	Mixed Vase of Dahlia's 3 blooms	10	5	
16	3 x Pom - Pom Dahlias	10	5	
18	3 x Gladioli	10	5	
19	Vase of 6 Sweet Peas	10	5	
20	Vase of Mixed Flowers	15	10	5

INDUSTRIAL SECTION				
Class	Description	Prize Money £		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
20	7 x Cheese Scones	10	5	
21	7 x Fruit Scones	10	5	
22	7 x Ginger Snaps	10	5	
23	7 x Short Bread Biscuits	10	5	
24	1 x Glazed Apple Pie	10	5	
25	Ginger Bread Cake	10	5	
26	7 x Fairy Cakes (buns)	10	5	
27	Chocolate Cake - plain	15	10	5
28	Decorated Cake (any)	15	10	5
29	Novelty Cake	15	10	5

CHILDREN'S SECTION					
Class	Ages	Description	Prize Money £		
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd
30	Upto 5 yrs	Decorated paper plate	5	3	1
31	Upto 5 yrs	Lego Model	5	3	1
32	6 - 10 yrs	Lego Model	5	3	1
33	11 - 14yrs	Lego Model	5	3	1
34	Up to 14 years	Miniature Garden	10	5	2
35	Up to 14 years	Funniest Mis-shaped Fruit or Vegetable	10	5	2

VEGETABLE SECTION

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The points system will be

1st = 3 points

2nd = 2 points

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The total points from each class will be added to give a winner for the section.

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Deadline for Entries

Please don't forget the closing deadline for all entries into the vegetable, flower, industrial and children's sections is 11am on Saturday 10th September 2011.

Entries can be made from 9am, until 11am.

Public Viewing

Public viewing is available from 1pm to 6pm. Afternoon teas and coffees will be available.

Judging

Independent judges will judge all sections and the decision of the judges is final.

All Produce

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