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The Railway Hotel

So it's 'all change' at The Railway again. It's a 'goodbye and thank you' to Paul, the current publican, of whom we've seen so little but who has kept the place open (if often it was only just). It's goodbye and thank you to John and Gemma, who have run the place for the last few months and done a grand job in tricky circumstances. They're off to Prudhoe, 'would you believe it'. Finally, it's hello and welcome to a new publican starting on February 11th, and visiting for the weekend before to catch 'The Promise' in performance at The Railway on the evening of Feb 9th.

Park Stile Footpath

Dave Robson thanks all the people who completed evidence forms to support the inclusion on the definite map of the footpath at Park Stile. It is thought that this was one of the routes that led to the ford crossing the river near this point. (See the engraving by Bewick shown on the Old Bridge Information Panel).

Christmas Lights

Esmond Faulks, who now organises the Christmas Tree Lights display on the Old Bridge and by the war memorial, wishes to thank the following people for giving their time, help and expertise setting up and dismantling the display:

John Wardle, Jimmy Carruthers, Kevin Moore, Dennis Oliver, and Shaftoe Young Farmers.

The total cost of mounting the display, including clearing away and shredding the trees, was £507. It would have cost considerably more without the support of the above named people. The total taken from the sale of food and drinks and the collection boxes was £492.94. Almost covering costs.

Thanks are also extended to Mrs Joyce Brown and her team for all their support, help and fund raising.

*(Thanks also to Esmond Faulks for overseeing the whole event.
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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meetings in Dec 2012 & Jan 2013

December 2012

Public participation

Concern was expressed at the loss of Victoria Terrace residents' parking from the revised plans for the Taits Yard Development. These revised plans were passed by the West Area Planning Committee in Dec 2012. The original plans, approved by the Committee in 2007, included provision for off road parking for Victoria Terrace. Now Planning Dept Officers advised the Committee that such a condition could not be enforced and was inappropriate. The Parish Council is to contact NCC Planning to query the lack of consultation over a material change to the Taits Yard Plans.

Following several further complaints about dazzle from the old bridge floodlighting, the Council are to turn the lights off until such time a solution can be found to the problem.

Council Meeting

9 councillors and Alan Sharp our local County Councillor were present.

NCC report.

The all day bus parking problem in the east end lay-by continues. NCC have granted £750 for the repair of St Cuthbert's Church bell. The trees in Church St are to be pruned in early spring. The drains in John Martin St and Shaftoe St have been cleared. ISOS have recognised the unacceptable standard of the grass cutting last year and have promised a much improved standard for 2013.

A blocked gully above the Heugh House Lane junction with North Bank was causing water to flow across the road. This was particularly hazardous in the icy weather earlier in the month. The gully is to be re-dug and a new drain installed.

The Parish Council should receive the Showfield Play Area maintenance money in the next 2 weeks.

Concern was expressed that 3, 3 bedroom houses in Langley Gardens have been empty for some time.

Highways

The Council is to report a sunken drain on the lane between Hill House and Standalone. The road here is over a stream and its collapse appears likely.

Lighting

Broken street light in Shaftoe St to be

reported for repair.

Correspondence

Notification was received of a local inquiry regarding a Definitive Map Modification order, which is to take place on Wednesday, 1st May 2013 at Haydon Bridge Community Centre. The effect of the order, if confirmed, will be to add a public footpath from a point marked A on Ratcliffe Road at the Bridge End for 495m in a generally south-westerly direction to a point marked B, 15 metres south east of Brandlehow.

A copy of the local transport plan was received.

In response to a request for someone from NCC to attend a PC Meeting to discuss public transport issues it was stated that, as no local bus services in our area receive a subsidy there was no reason for NCC to be involved.

A request was received from Hexham Courant for a short article on Haydon Bridge for its Tynedale Visitor publication. This was passed on to the Development Trust.

Parish Projects

The John Martin Heritage Project is now completed.

GITS plans for a week long Arts Festival in July 2013 are advancing well.

The Development Trust are hoping to develop Haydon Bridge as a 'cycling hub', with cycle route leaflets and an annual cycling festival.

The work on the archives at The Bridge continues but will need funding in the near future to support the work of creating a village archive.

Budget Precept

Following a meeting last week to set a budget for the Parish Council for 2013/14, the Council agreed the proposed budget. The precept request for 2013/14 is £35,000. This is a reduction of £3,400 on the current year's precept.

The charges for interment at Haydon Bridge Cemetery are to increase from January 1st 2013. The increase will bring Haydon Parish cemetery charges closer to those of neighbouring parishes.

The Environment Agency is to be requested to replace the river level indicator by The Anchor Hotel. The measurement marks on the current one are illegible.

Car parking on Shaftoe St is to be added to the agenda for discussion at next month's meeting.

A vote of thanks was given for those who installed the Christmas Tree lights and organised the 'switch on' event.

Meeting held on January 24th 2013

Public Participation

A query was raised about the delay in repairing the church boundary wall facing the riverside. The Council was informed that the Church would be repairing this last year. The matter rests with the Church authorities.

In answer to a question about replacing the bins outside Claire's Shop, the public were informed that the bins have been ordered from NCC and the Parish Council are waiting for them to be delivered and fitted into place.

The skeletal remains of a cow have been deposited by the river on the bank near the back of the Havelock Inn. The Environment Agency have been contacted but refuse to clear it as it doesn't pose a pollution threat to the river

Council Meeting

9 councillors and NCC Cllr Sharp present

NCC Report

The proposed transfer document dealing with the transfer of responsibility for Showfield play area from NCC to the Parish is on its way.

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PARISH COUNCILLORS

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While a temporary solution has been put in place to deal with the blocked drain near the Heugh House Lane junction with North Bank the problem has not been resolved.

The green lane leading from East Land Ends Road to the riverbank at Park Stile has been approved as a public footpath and will be added to the definite map.

Gullies in the Langley area and some in the village are still to be cleared.

ISOS reported that the 3 empty properties at Langley Gardens have now been let following repair work.

Highways

The Parish Council is to request NCC to prohibit parking on the north side of John Martin Street/Shaftoe Street from Westerly House to Shaftoe's Guest House and on Ratcliffe Road opposite the Church Street junction. A further section no parking area on Shaftoe Street, on the corner from number 18 to 25, is being considered. NCC have agreed to re-paint the river level marker at the Anchor Hotel as the Environment Agency is not prepared to carry out the work.

A long discussion took place on the unreliability of the local bus service and on occasion the rail service, too. The bus companies who run the service are to be invited to a Council meeting to discuss the situation. In the meantime a tally is to be maintained of late and missing service buses and trains. The problems with the train service are to be reported to the TVRUG.

Planning applications

The following applications were received and discussed. Removal of trees and scrub from waste land and creation of new mini-soccer pitch with surrounding 1.2m fence, and resurfacing of existing footpath (as amended) at Low Hall Park.

Application for a new planning permission to replace an extant permission to extend the time for implementation for application. (*Housing development at the Anchor Garage*)

There were no objections to either application.

Correspondence

A transfer document for the play area at Showfield was received.

In a letter from Dennis Telford the Council was asked if it had given thought to the Parish's involvement in commemoration of the centenary of the 1914-1918 war. This is to be discussed at a future meeting.

Details of a forthcoming consultation on the Northumberland Local Development Plan - Preferred Options, were received from NCC.

The council was requested for a contribution toward the Community Speed Watch scheme from Northumbria Police. This was turned down.

Notice of the temporary closure of the U8057 road from Threepwood Junction to Darden Burn from Feb 11th-15th.

In response to a request from Northumberland National Park for a Council representative to join the Dark Skies Group, Cllr Walker agreed to represent the Parish.

Parish Projects

Shaftoe Green

The pond size puddle that develops on Shaftoe School Playing Field in wet weather is now encroaching on the play area. It is to be reported to NCC who have responsibility for maintaining the Field. A new notice is to be provided at Shaftoe Green with a

telephone number for users to report equipment faults. Similar signs will be placed at the other play areas for which the Council now has responsibility. Some maintenance work is to be carried out at the Innerhaugh Play Area in the spring.

The Council are to provide hanging baskets for businesses again this year. The Council feel that they add to the attractiveness of the village if they are well maintained.

As well as replacing the seat stolen from the top of the track to the water treatment plant, the Council is also providing a new additional seat for Church Street. It is to be placed in the walled recess near the entrance to the business area.

As no work has been done on the tree planting scheme for the bank north of the Showfield the Council is to contact the Planning Enforcement Officer.

The next meeting is on February 28th, 7.30pm at the Community Centre.



Iain Gowans and his sheep in the snow at Westley Bank, 21/01/2013

HAYDON & ALLEN VALLEYS MEDICAL PRACTICE

Do you know about the Friends of Haydon Bridge Surgery Patients Group?

We meet to support the development of Practice Services mainly by providing the patients perspective.

The group aims to be representative of all sections of the practice population and is particularly keen to encourage the involvement of young people.

The 2011-2012 Patient Survey highlighted the high esteem the practice is held in by the majority of patients.

Responding to the recent patient survey the practice has agreed to:

- prepare generic care plans for patients with long term conditions.
- develop ways of enabling patients to receive test results before appointments.
- gain more information about young people using the practice, in order to make services more accessible.

For further information or to make a comment please contact :

**Kate Wood at admin@gp-a84045.nhs.uk or
phone 01434 684216**

Last summer, I enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon with Mrs Joy Davidson. Joy left Haydon Bridge in 1947 and, therefore, her name is unlikely to be familiar to many of our readers. If I tell you, however, that Joy's maiden name was Sillitoe and her family lived at 'Linton House' from 1933 to 1947 and were popular members of our parish community, the reason for her visit will be clearer; especially to those who have memories of our village in the 1940/50s.

Linton House was one of the finest dwellings in the locality when it was built, and remained so until it was purchased by Northumberland County Council. In the Council's 'care' the beautiful stone built property at the west end of Belmont Gardens was allowed to deteriorate and collapse - was there an ulterior motive? Eventually Linton House was demolished to make way for the utilitarian Haydon Bridge High School Sports Hall you can see today, and the previously immaculate grounds became overgrown and unkempt.

Previous owners/occupiers of Linton House included W.S. Walton, the Sillitoe family, of course, and the Boaden family - the final occupants, who had a renowned antique business for many years in Hexham.

Joy Davidson's visit to her childhood home in Haydon Bridge on July 6th 2012 was prompted by my articles in the Haydon News. Articles related to the Sillitoe family, Linton House and a Haydon Bridge Second World War victim, Eddie Brown, whose mother Winnie (nee Robinson) worked at Linton House and moved with the Sillitoe family to Cumberland, when they left our village in 1947.

Joy Davidson's (nee Sillitoe) memories are a valuable addition to our social history archive, and they can be traced through her correspondence in response to the Haydon News' articles, and her visit in July.

Join me with Joy on her visit and enjoy her memories of Linton House and her 1940s childhood in Haydon Bridge, as much as I did.

LINTON HOUSE

I lived in Linton House from the time I was born, in 1938, until we moved to Cumbria (Cumberland in those days) in 1947. I believe my parents had lived

there since 1933 when they arrived from Newcastle. My father was Managing Director of two branches of Serck Radiators - Newcastle and Carlisle - and wanted to live within convenient distance of each. Haydon Bridge, being equidistant from the two cities, proved to be ideal for his purpose.

Living in the house at the time were my mother and father, Mary and Kathleen my step-sisters, my brother Paul, sometimes my Granny Clutterbuck, and occasionally my cousin Shellagh who came to stay with us during the holidays from boarding school.

Later, Winnie Brown came to look after us and lived in. My earliest memory is of lying in my pram with the white fringe of the dark green sun canopy gently waving in the breeze and Winnie shoogling the pram handle in an effort to induce me to go to sleep.

Another pram related memory is when I was much older - far too old to suffer the indignity of being wheeled around - but I had a very bad reaction to a smallpox vaccination given by Doctor Bell at home. Doctor Bell was our family doctor at Haydon Bridge and he had his surgery in the old Dew Drop Inn on Ratcliffe Road.

My brother Paul had submitted to the needle first and remained stoically unmoved by the experience, but when he witnessed me being given the same treatment he fainted at the thought of his little sister suffering any pain.

Anyway, afterwards my arm swelled up and a huge scab the size of a saucer formed. I did feel quite unwell but Winnie thought I needed some fresh air and as she needed to go shopping she took me with her. We went across the bridge and after we had been to the Co-op we went to Tot Barron's, the

bakers, and she left me outside. Two boys walked past and jeered at me, they knew I was long past the age of being pushed around; smarting from their insults I tried to hide under the blanket. Just then another boy emerged from Tot Barron's eating a delicious looking sticky bun. An Alsatian dog passing by must have thought the bun looked good too, because it jumped up and sank its teeth into the bun and the boy's bottom lip and ran off. In my mind's eye I can still see the blood pouring from the boy's face and a crowd forming round him before Winnie could hurry out of the shop and take me out of harm's way. I have to admit, I have been rather wary of Alsations ever since.

It was my record of a visit I made to El Alamein in October 2010 (*See The Haydon News, November 2010*) that prompted Joy to first write to me. The memorial at the Commonwealth Graves Cemetery there, bears the inscription of Winifred Brown's son, Eddie, he having been one of 8,392 soldiers and airmen killed in the Western Desert conflict and having no known grave. Eddie Brown died on June 6th 1942 aged 22 years.

Eddie is probably best remembered in Haydon Bridge as a young international footballer who played three times for England schoolboys while at Shaftoe Trust School.

The Browns' family home was at 17 Church Street.

Winnie Brown virtually brought me up, having come to work at Linton House as our nurse Vida left to work in a munitions factory and my mother was busy with the war effort. Mother joined the W.V.S. - long before it became the W.R.V.S. - and entertained sewing and



LINTON HOUSE and JOY SILLITOE : 1940s

knitting parties at home and dispensed tea and sympathy at the N.A.F.F.I. Winnie must have had the patience of Job, as she played and sang to me and let me make all sorts of mess in the kitchen, at the same time as running the household; and she was a marvellous cook, producing delicious meals from the meagre war time rations.

The death of her son Eddie was not the only tragedy in Winnie's life. Her husband Edward was killed in a pit accident and her younger son was drowned in the River Tyne when he was twelve years old.

When Eddie went off to war she came to live with us at Linton House, but often used to take me with her when she visited her father and sister Maggie who lived on Church Street. Maggie kept an immaculate door step. It was scrubbed clean every day and decorated with a white chalk edge. - This might have been so people didn't trip over it in the blackout! I remember the black leaded range in the house at 17 Church Street, with the kettle always singing on the fire, and 'father' sitting in a beautiful rocking chair and reading the paper with the aid of a magnifying glass.

Winnie came with us when we moved to Cumberland and was a good comfort to my mother when my elder brother died at the age of eighteen. She returned to Haydon Bridge when I got married and my father sold our Cumbrian home. Winnie gave me 'father's' rocking chair as a wedding present. She was an indomitable, proud, brave, huge hearted lady.



This photograph of Linton House shows the front door. Rather unimposing and a strange place for it as it is to the side rather than the front of the house. To the right as you entered was my father's study with his desk, typewriter, pipes and cigarettes. He also kept two shotguns and an air rifle in a tall

cupboard. A corridor led out of the entrance hall leading to the wide, shallow staircase, carpeted in red with brass stair rods holding it in place - keeping them polished was yet another job for Winnie. A big stained glass window lit the stairs.

The first door to the left opened into the drawing room. The floor was covered by a carpet designed with interlocking 'L' shapes of yellow, cream and green, surrounded by polished floorboards.

I don't really remember much about the furniture except for the big gramophone cabinet. This didn't have a horn! But if you wanted to play the records louder the lid had to be kept propped open and the louvred doors in the front of the cabinet widened. To get it to play softly, socks could be pushed behind these same doors. The records were kept underneath with the needles which had to be changed frequently. Paul liked jazz records, mummy enjoyed classical music, dad liked sentimental songs from the shows that he and mummy had seen in London; and there were dance music records as well.

There were two chintz covered couches, lots of easy chairs and occasional tables, and a dumb waiter. Mummy used to entertain ladies wearing hats to afternoon tea in this room, events which I found tedious in the extreme as I had to be hauled in from the garden - where I was no doubt 'Big Game' hunting or exploring the upper reaches of the Amazon - scrubbed clean and made to hand round cups of tea and scones.

Through the drawing room was a glass door onto the verandah where we used to sit when there was a glimpse of sun.

From the verandah you could go into the dining room next door. Extra leaves could be inserted into the dining table so that at least twelve people could sit around it in comfort. These leaves were kept with the billiard table top in the huge walk-in cupboard known as the butler's pantry. Most of my toys were stored in there too. After we left Linton House, Winnie took me back one day to collect something that had been overlooked in the move. I just couldn't resist opening the cupboard to see if any of my toys were still there. I was very roundly told off for being so nosy!

I think there was a door through into the conservatory from the dining room.

I used to love being in there as it was always so hot and damp and jungley. There were huge exotic plants and a tank of goldfish in the middle.

Off the conservatory was a potting shed. At one time I think there was a caged bird kept there but I don't remember what variety it was.

Back through the dining room and out into the corridor took you to the foot of the stairs. Half way up the stairs was a lavatory with a long chain to pull, with its upper end in a huge cistern.

Goodness knows where I got the notion from but I thought a snake lay in wait in the cistern for an unsuspecting person to pull the chain, alert the snake and allow it to slither down the chain! Whenever I visited the loo I had to finish what I was doing, pull up my knickers, unlock the door and, holding onto the handle, reach back and pull the chain. Before the gush of water came, I had to slam the door shut and hurtle down the stairs. I always beat the snake!

Higher up the stairs the bathroom was the first room you came to. I don't think I spent a great deal of time in here as I always had more important things to do and places to be, but I do remember one evening when I had just been lifted out of the bath and I was sitting on someone's lap wrapped in warm fluffy towels. Paul came in and put a tiny hedgehog in my hands. I could only hold it for a few seconds before he had to return it to the garden before its mother missed it.

Past the bathroom a corridor led to the back stairs, down which you could go to the kitchen. I don't think anybody but Winnie used them.

Further on was the landing with a large blanket box covered in a fur rug and about five doors leading to the bedrooms. The blanket box on the landing was a good place to sit and listen to all the things going on in the house. It was also the place where I put my current piece of knitting - usually ties for daddy, made from scraps of left over wool - when I went to bed. Granny told me to do this to see if the fairies might come in the night and do some knitting for me. Strangely, whenever granny was staying they did just that and my knitting grew beautifully overnight. And the dropped stitches were picked up too!

Mine was the first bedroom. It had pink wallpaper and a picture of Jesus and two angels talking to children surrounded by a whole lot of animals. 'All Things Wise and Wonderful' by Margaret Tarrant. My window looked out of the

back of the house over the field and it was tantalising on warm summer evenings being put to bed and hear birds singing lustily.

The next room was much bigger and where my parents slept. I used to go there in the mornings, climb up onto the high double bed, sit between them and share the tea and thin bread and butter that Winnie had brought up on a tray.

One spring I had a very bad case of measles, at the same time as my brother had mumps. Mother must have had a very hard time of it. When I got over the initial delirium I found myself in her bed with the curtains closed day and night as it was feared that too much light might make me go blind. My legs were also covered in nettle rash and the only relief I seemed to get from the irritation was to plunge them into a bucket of near boiling water. As I wasn't allowed to read, mummy used to sit and tell me stories. She brought in a branch of Horse Chestnut in water and I watched the leaves unfurling and saw the perfect horseshoes on the stem. When I was getting a little better I was allowed to read again for a little while and as I couldn't have visitors, I wrote letters to my friends, decorated with snowdrops.

Next came the gold room. So called because of the slippery gold counterpane and matching quilt which adorned the bed. Granny slept here when she came to stay. This was another good early morning visiting place. When we had enjoyed our tea we had tickling games before we had to go down to breakfast.

Next came Paul's room. When you entered you were nearly knocked over by the smell of balsa cement. Paul spent a lot of time making model aeroplanes and hanging them from his bedroom ceiling. Fortunately they were well above my head but adults had a hard time dodging them. His bedroom had the added advantage of a balcony above the verandah, leading off it. Paul suffered terribly from asthma and he often used to sleep on the balcony when it was too stuffy indoors.

Lastly came the guest room with pink quilt and counterpane. On wet days when we had no visitors I used to play here. One summer I spent hours trying to make perfume from the rose petals I collected from the garden. All I got was a very nasty smelling mess.

To stand in this garden during my return visit with you Dennis - once a beautiful place which gave me so much pleasure - it was devastating!

Where there had formerly been clipped lawns, tennis courts, summer houses, a conservatory, perennial borders, a kitchen garden and rockeries, etc., to be amongst today's unkempt grounds, muddy and overgrown with weeds - and that hideous sports' hall - was almost unbearable.

I won't dwell on the negatives of the present day, however, but return to the memories of my schooling at Haydon Bridge. In Miss Fairweather's 'Red House' on the North Bank, and Miss Hebron's Langley Castle.

I will continue the story of Joy's 2012 visit to Linton House and her memories of Haydon Bridge in the 1940s, in next month's Haydon News.

HAYDON BRIDGE 'LIGHTS ON' DECEMBER 12th 2012

Jingle Bells rang out over the River Tyne as the children from Shaftoe Trust First School led the throng across the old bridge and counted down the Haydon Bridge Christmas 'Lights On' event. Hundreds of residents, young and old(er) packed Church Street to enjoy the children's carols and music from the Haydon Bridge Community Band. All complemented with a warming glass of mulled wine while the children met Santa Claus.

The 'Lights On' event has become a much loved start to our Christmas celebrations and everyone involved in its organisation and implementation deserve great credit.

Thank you.

HAYDON BRIDGE CHRISTMAS 'LIGHTS ON'



Top Left: Shaftoe Trust First School pupils lead the carol singing.

Top Right: 11 year old Betheny Flatman meets Santa Claus.

Bottom: The Haydon Bridge Community Band hit the right notes.

2012 COMPLIMENTARY CHRISTMAS LUNCH



More than seventy village folk enjoyed Gary and Joanna's hospitality at the General Havelock Inn on Tuesday, December 18th. Fine cuisine and carols were on the menu at lunch time, all served up by the staff at the General Havelock and Master of Ceremonies Sheff Exham on piano. Thanks are due to Gary, Laura and Joanna in the kitchen; Lyndsey, Amy and Carl who waited on; Wilf and Helen behind the bar; Sheffield Exham who accompanied the carol singing; Peter Parker and Santa Claus. Fifteen Christmas lunches were also delivered to those receiving 'Meals on Wheels' thanks to Kathy, and organiser Mary Milford.

Thank you all so much.



Gary, Jo and staff at the General Havelock Inn gave their time freely on December 18th



"Let the Belles Sing Out for Christmas!"

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Time again for me to thank Claire; the Co-op; Haydon Bridge Pharmacy; Jobsons Animal Health Store; Harry's Fish and Chip Shop; the Railway Hotel, Anchor Hotel, General Havelock Inn and the Haydonian Social Club; for accepting collecting jars for donations towards the Christmas trees and Christmas lights. Can I also thank every individual who gave so generously.

The collection this year amounted to Four Hundred and Ninety Two Pounds and ninety four pence (£492.94) of which £75.50 was donated at the soup stall on the night the lights were switched on.

Thank you to everyone who helped and especially to Rene Armstrong and Betty Cousin for their help in counting the money - I couldn't manage without them.

Joyce Brown

150 YEARS NOT OUT

Haydon Bridge Cricket Club is one hundred and fifty years old this year.

We hope to put together a history of cricket in Haydon Bridge as a celebration and would be most grateful for your memories and any photographs, documents etc that might be of interest.

Please contact:

Barry Hope (01434 684845) or
Dennis Telford (01434 684636)
Or, leave your name and contact number, or any contribution, at Claire's Newsagents.

Thank You.

HAYDON CHURCH

The thoughtless individual(s) who broke into St Cuthbert's Church at Haydon in late November will now know there is nothing in there worth stealing. All he (they) succeeded in doing was to desecrate the beautiful nineteenth century stained glass in a fourteenth century window, and cause distress to the many who cherish our twelfth century Chapel of Ease.

Those responsible should be ashamed of themselves.



The fourteenth century window was dedicated by a few friends in 1883 to Jane Routledge who died August 25th 1874.

Jane left a bequest of £3,000 on her death, the interest from which was to provide annuities of £20 each for respectable and deserving females,

being spinsters or widows of the age of 45 years or upwards, who shall have resided in the Chapelry of Haydon for twelve calendar months previous to applying for the benefit.

THE WOMAN WAS FULL OF GOOD WORKS
AND ALMS DEEDS WHICH SHE DID

PLEASE SUPPORT THE OLD CHURCH AT HAYDON BY PURCHASING THE SHORT HISTORY AND GUIDE FROM CLAIRE'S OR 'THE BRIDGE'.

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A VIEW FROM UP THERE John Harrison

I was amused to read a story from a local newspaper about a disabled man who attempted to rob his local newsagents shop. A struggle ensued as a result of which the man fled the scene, leaving behind his artificial leg. Needless to say, he was relatively easy for the police to find and at his court hearing he could offer no defence as he didn't have a leg to stand on. Sorry – bad start to 2013 !!!!

Talking of newspaper reports, some of you will perhaps have read about the Italian geologists who were prosecuted for failing to forecast a damaging earthquake. A recent article in The Journal suggests that maybe the same should apply to our UK weather forecasters. What happened to our barbecue summer and the water shortages? What has happened to the coldest winter for twenty years? How many of us make plans only to be persuaded into a change of mind on the basis of a poor weather forecast – then the bad weather doesn't happen? I wonder how much our tourist centres lose by way of visitor income because of inaccurate and unfavourable forecasts?

November was cool at the beginning, mild mid-month then very cold for the last week, and was relatively dry for the most part. The winds for the first three weeks were generally from the west, bringing cloud and occasional rain but amounts of rain were relatively small. Conditions became unseasonally mild at times reaching 13.7 degC on the 20th. Unsettled weather between the 22nd and 26th brought a great deal more rain, some of which was heavy at times and resulted in localised flooding. The 5-day rainfall total (22nd - 26th) amounted to 54.2mm. The weather became relatively dry again from the 27th, but precipitation fell as heavy snow in a cold northerly air-stream late on the 30th, maybe setting the scene for the start of the promised severe winter !!? The daytime temperature on the 29th failed to rise above 2 degC and by the morning of the 30th the temperature had fallen to -3.3 degC. The autumn colours were particularly marked this year but strong winds and frosts combined to strip the trees of the last of their leaves by the end of the month.

December was a month of two halves. The first 14 days were relatively dry with night frosts under clear skies. The remainder was much milder with heavy cloud, and many murky and wet days. Christmas 2012 was, like the rest of the year, dull and damp. Cold polar air dominated for the first two weeks. Winds were dominantly north-westerly and quite fresh at times. Although sunny at times, days were generally cold with occasional snow. On the 13th The daytime temperature just managed to scrape above freezing (0.2 degC). Clear night skies brought moderate to severe frosts, the air temperature falling to -4.2 degC by the morning of the 13th. Occasional rain/snow was sufficient to keep the roads quite wet which resulted in extensive black-ice, which persisted all day in some shaded locations, particularly on the 7th. Warmer air arrived on the 14th bringing dull cloudy weather for the remainder of the month. The daytime temperature topped 11 degC on both the 22nd and 28th. The latter half of the month was a great deal wetter, bringing 79mm much of which fell as drizzle, although there were some spells of heavier rain, notably on Boxing Day which turned very wet after a promising start.

Taking **2012** as a whole it was a poor year on the land. Rainfall was 23% above long-term average and it was one of the wettest year on record across the UK. Although air temperatures were below the long-term average, remarkably there were only TWO days with snow lying.

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
November	8.7	0.0	3.3	-0.2	80.3	99
December	5.7	-0.3	1.2	0.0	106.5	126
YEAR	11.8	-0.6	5.1	-0.2	984.7	123

Finally, Gladys overheard someone at her local church say to the vicar: "Vicar, we never knew what sin was until you joined us."

HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS' CHRISTMAS ART & CRAFT SALE 2012

The reputation of our Local Artists' Christmas Sale continues to grow and this year was without doubt the busiest event in its short history. Organiser Barbara Wardle expressed her delight that twenty two tables were taken by sixteen individuals selling their arts and crafts. The Community Centre was packed for the event on Saturday November 24th and visitors from along the South and North Tyne valleys joined locals at the sale. Most of the traders enjoyed a very successful day.

The Christmas craft fare was inaugurated to provide funding for the Local Artists' Summer Exhibition, other organisations and charities also benefit from the event, however, and Barbara is so pleased that the Community Centre, the River Watch Group, the Irish Dance Group, and those charities supported by John Harrison's candle sales will all benefit from the 2012 event.

Barbara said: "The Craft Sale is not just a Local Artists' event now, and neither is it only a sales event, it's a Haydon Bridge event where parish residents and visitors can meet and enjoy the occasion and each others company, while supporting village fund raising activities." **Thanks to everyone who visited and supported the 2012 Craft Sale.**

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 twenty second casualty, in 1916, was

John James Armstrong

(22) John James Armstrong



Photograph courtesy of
Haydon Bridge Community Centre

John served as Private, 7225, 1st/5th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

He died on 17th October 1916, aged 30.

John was born in Haydon Bridge, he was the son of John Armstrong.

He enlisted at Haydon Bridge.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial and the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's, John is also commemorated on the War Memorial at Warwick Bridge.



John is buried in grave IV.C.24. in Dernacourt Communal Cemetery Extension.

If you have any information relating to John James Armstrong, 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.



Photo: Ernie Swinburn

STILL NO ROOM AT THE INNS

Following the success of last year's Haydon Bridge Street Nativity, Mary and Joseph once again chose to lie the baby Jesus in a manger in the shadow of the War Memorial on Church Street.

The Nativity was organised by the village's 'Churches Together' and took place on Saturday, December 15th. The narrator was Methodist Minister, the Rev. Les Hann.

L to R: James Bell, Dave Thornhill, Will Thornhill, Samuel Bell, Casey Parker, Peter Parker, Imogen Bell (Mary), Ethel Mason, Doris Wardle, Sylvia Swinburn, Gary Thompson, Michael Rumney - and baby Isaac, in the buggy.

LANGLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their first meeting this year, the members enjoyed the opportunity to browse and buy from a selection of scarves, bags and jewellery. These were supplied by Bev Withycombe who explained that she started her business after illness forced her to give up her job as a carer. Bev now attends vintage fairs and charity fund raising events to sell her goods. After a shared supper and a game of bingo the competition was judged. This was for a pretty cup and saucer. First prize went to Linda whose cup and saucer were part of a set which she received as a wedding present and were one of the few things that were rescued after a fire destroyed her house. Elaine was second with her cup and saucer inherited from her Grandmother. **The next meeting is on 12th February, 'Crystals' with Shelley Simms. The competition will be 'Angel' - 7.30pm at Langley Village Hall. Everyone welcome.**

Cath Duffy

THANK YOU

At Christmas when we are all warm and comfortable, enjoying good dining and fine wine, there are many less fortunate. But there are others who are very generous, and Thomas Stephenson, our local butcher, provided the biggest chicken I have ever seen, to feed several homeless people over Christmas.

I am sure Thomas will be thanked officially by the charity concerned, but I just thought that Haydon News readers would appreciate the fact that someone from our community who was having his busiest time of the year, made a small gesture which was appreciated in a very big way and I can assure you all that the recipients were very emotional in response.

Joyce Gilbertson

HAYDON BRIDGE WAITES' SONG (1812)

This is an edited version of a Christmas song written two hundred years ago by W. Makepeace. It may be one of the earliest published Haydon Bridge songs. The verses give an indication of how Christmas was celebrated in the Chapelry of Haydon in 1812. - Just as today, the locals seemed to enjoy themselves!

Gin ye like to tek a drink and tell on't
when it's past, man,
I will divert ye with a sang as lang as it
shall last, man.
At Haydon Bridge there was such sport,
I dare venture to say, man,
You never heard or saw such sport, as
was on Christmas Day, man.

In the morning soon, at one o'clock, the
sport began with glee, man,
The Waits at every door did knock, and
sang right merrily, man;
They'd music that would charm a stone,
far sunk within the earth, man,
Or raise a corpse to life again, to hear
such fun and mirth, man.

As soon as through the town they'd
played, round Lipwood quarter went, man,
And there they sport and pleasure had,
just to their ain content, man;
They did agree unanimously, with many
a loud **hurrah**, man,
To drink and dance and merry be, as it
was Christmas Day, man.

About noon-day the Mayor was crowned,
and splendour did appear, man,
And through the town we led the thrang,
with hundreds in the rear, man,
Then to the Royal Anchor Inn we did
again repair, man,
Both young and old came flocking in, to
hail our great Lord Mayor, man.

Joy did abound with all around, the like
you never saw, man,
All care was in the liquor drowned, and
naught but mirth for a', man.
So let us push our glasses round, and let
love bear the sway, man,
Success to aa'l our loving friends, that
met on Christmas Day, man.

It's now two hundred years ago since
first this song was sung, man,
Confined to dusty history books, that on
the shelf were flung, man;
Then to the Bards of Haydon Bridge, in
chorus, it befell, man,
To bring to life this old refrain, in the
Havelock Hotel, man.

Edited by DT
2012



2 year old Callum Bedford-Smith and
4 1/2 year old James, enjoyed the
Haydon Bridge 'Lights On' event.

HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

LOCAL SINGER/SONG WRITER
GARETH DAVIES-JONES

CAFÉ STYLE EVENT
on

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9th
AT 7.30pm

for

CHRISTIAN AID

Time to listen, watch, talk and
be inspired before
Christian Aid Week in May

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
TO FOLLOW

COLLECTION PLATE AT THE DOOR

CONGRATULATIONS

To Michael and June Rumney, well known residents and members of a respected Haydon Bridge family of three generations, whose granddaughter Eva, born to Andrew and Faye in November last year, was the **first girl born to be born into the Rumney family for one hundred and two years**. The previous girl was a sister to Michael's late father, Jack Rumney, one time mine host in the General Havelock and Railway public houses in Haydon Bridge.

THE GREAT WAR CENTENARY

The First World War claimed the lives of over 16 million people across the globe and had an impact on everyone. Not least, in our parish where many of our residents suffered and made the ultimate sacrifice. Across the world, nations, communities and individuals of all ages will come together from 2014 to 2018 to commemorate and remember the lives of those who lived, fought and died during the War.

How should we mark the centenary of the Great War in our parish?

SPEECHLESS!

Enamoured with her new ipad, Mrs T was keen to test the 'Apple Macintosh Speech Recognition System'; controlling the piece of technology with nothing but her voice. Brilliant!

So, carefully forming her consonants and vowels, she spoke ever so politely into the machine, to retrieve the latest issue of your magazine from the Google archive:

"H A Y D O N N E W S"

The result of her dictation amazed Mrs T as the screen filled, tops to bottoms, with photographs of:

'A S I A N N U D E S'

Ooops!

Maybe it was a result of Mrs T's born and bred Haltwheestle twang?

The Bridge and Visitor Information Point.

Another new year and the second full year that we have kept a record of the number of people visiting the Bridge. The Bridge is pleased to report that our numbers are up 3%: the number coming through the door is 110 more than in 2011. This is really good news at a time when most libraries are reporting a drop in numbers. The Bridge continues to try to cater for all needs and, to that end, the non-fiction and large print sections have swapped positions to cater for the number of readers who prefer large print, particularly paperbacks, which are a little lighter in weight. That is not to say that the non-fiction section will be neglected; the popular autobiography/biography books and WW1/WW2 experiences, in particular, will continue to be replenished on a regular basis.

Children's Corner

This time, the Christmas Crafts session had a change from tradition taking place on a Saturday morning rather than a Monday. This was because the school holidays began so near to Christmas itself. It was also the first time that Bridge volunteers ran the session. After refreshments, the children produced: a Christmas puppet; a snowman Christmas card and a 3-D Christmas tree.

Activities

Craft sessions have already begun again. This is a six week taster session for learning a new craft; teaching your craft to others, and/or just sharing time with other like-minded people. Once the six weeks are over, those involved will make a decision as to whether they would like to continue and what form they would like the evenings to take. Craft sessions takes place on Wednesday evenings in the Bridge.

Some of the Bridge volunteers and other interested people are meeting on Monday evenings, in the Bridge, to develop the ever growing **Archives section**. The photographs on the computer, which are increasing all the time, thanks to the generosity of those who own the originals, are used regularly during the Bridge opening times by local inhabitants and tourists to the area. Several old documents have now been transcribed and there are still more waiting. A picture of the village, its buildings, the people and the events through time is starting to emerge. With so much material being lent to the Bridge to copy, we are coming to the point where we need to plan where to go next. This is a huge and on-going project and very exciting.

There are other activities planned for later in the year.

IT at the Bridge

The Cubs have used the IT facilities at the Bridge to experience a "deep sea adventure". On Wednesday, 19th December 2012, they placed a call at 6.00pm on Skype. Their purpose was to contact Susan GEBBELS, an Allendale Cub leader currently on a scientific expedition drilling into the bed of the Pacific Ocean. You may have seen a report about her in the "Journal". Susan took the Cubs on a tour of the ship (Joides Resolution) by walking around it, pointing her laptop at interesting features, such as arrays of drills awaiting use; the computer room and, most importantly, the chimney that they had made in the Mess room so that Santa Claus could visit them. The Cubs loved the experience and were not short of questions to ask Susan.

There may be another call planned sometime in the future. If you are interested the link to the expedition website is <http://joidesresolution.org/>

Happy reading ...

Pat Snowdon

HAYDON LOCAL ARTISTS' GROUP

HAYDON ART CLUB (SEE CLUB NOTICE ON PAGE 16)

A MESSAGE TO ALL LOCAL ARTISTS AND ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TRY PAINTING OR DRAWING. Our Wednesday evening meetings have two main aims; we offer space to work with like minded company; a chance to try something new without committing to a long costly course. We offer two free introductory meetings sessions for new people. Perhaps you might like to come along with a friend. We have a tea and biscuit break about 8.00pm when visitors are welcome to call in and see what we do.

Phone Barbara, 01434 688 886 for more information

FOR THOSE PEOPLE THINKING OF SHOWING WORK IN THE LOCAL ARTISTS' SUMMER EXHIBITION THE DATES ARE JUNE 22nd- JUNE 29th giving time for you to get work done!

Haydon Bridge Pharmacy

Drop in and quit smoking in 2013

The start of the year is always a great time to stop smoking. The fresh start means you can have a concerted effort to make a big change to your life.

Do you know the cost of smoking?

Smoking 20 cigarettes a day costs approximately £2500 per year or £25000 over ten years.

What could you do with that money – lots of holidays, a deposit on a new house or a new car?

How Soon Does Stopping Smoking Help Your Health?

The benefits of stopping smoking begin within 20 minutes of stopping – blood pressure and pulse rate return to normal.

Within 8 hours carbon monoxide levels in the blood reduce by half and oxygen levels return to normal.

Within 24 hours carbon monoxide is eliminated from the body. Lungs start to clear out mucus and other smoking debris.

Ability to taste and smell is improved with 48 hours.

Breathing becomes easier, bronchial tubes begin to relax and energy levels increase within 72 hours.

Within 6 months, your risk of heart attack, cancer and other smoking related diseases begins to fall.

At 5 years, heart attack risk falls to about half that of a smoker and at 10 years, falls to the same as someone who has never smoked!

Get Help And Support

We know it is not easy but there is a range of new treatments to help.

Using an NHS stop smoking service doubles your chances of quitting over a nicotine replacement therapy alone pattern. The stop smoking advisor will review your smoking patterns, level of addiction and discuss all the options to help you stop. Ongoing support will be

(Continued in next column)

Theatre Royal Newcastle

Hello Everyone

Panto time is over for another year and Aladdin is officially the best selling panto EVER at the Theatre Royal! Next year's panto is on sale already and selling fast. Jack and the Beanstalk will do 89 performances so let me know how many seats you want, where you want to sit and I'll get them for you.

There are some brilliant shows for 2013 –

The Rise and Fall of Little Voice, Gruffalo's Child, The Bobby Thompson Story, The Pitman Painters and loads more.

The RSC season will be announced soon. If you want a Spring/Summer brochure, want to know about making a group booking [and some great group discounts], you want to reserve some seats or you want more information about any aspect of the Theatre Royal then contact me. Pauline Wallis – District Publicity Assistant based in Haydon Bridge.

Tel: **01434 684061**.

email:

pauline.wallis@theatreroyal.co.uk

Select your own seat and book online www.theatreroyal.co.uk

Offers subject to availability, and are not available on tickets already purchased.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Pauline

Pharmacy News (cont'd)

provided to help you take the steps needed to remain a non-smoker for life.

Call 01434 684354 to speak one of our NHS stop smoking advisors, or pop into Haydon Bridge Pharmacy to get your free quit pack.

Take the first step to stopping smoking.

Tom

Get It Together Society

We had a great time making Guys in the Community Centre back in November and one of our Guys, Frankenfawkes, came 3rd in the competition at the Sele! Well done Lyla!

The G.I.T.S. were given a £100 donation from the Round Table who organised the event in Hexham. Many thanks to all.

13th – 20th July 2013 is the G.I.T.S. Performing Arts Festival – a week of comedy, music, singing, poetry, dancing and lots more, in various venues around the village, during the day and evening. We hope to have something for everyone [well, most!] If you have any ideas then we'd love to hear from you. We plan to have a Grand Raffle over the festival week so if you have any prize donations we'd be very grateful.

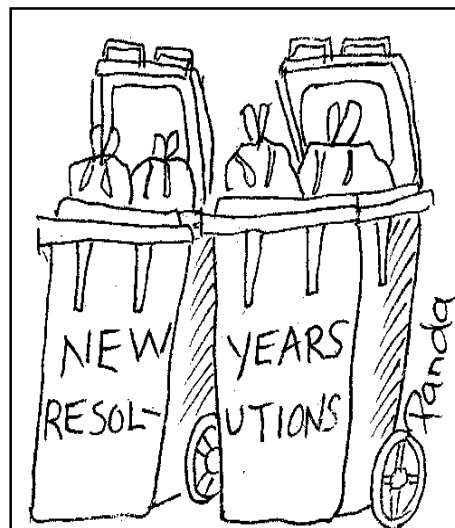
Before that we plan to have another Easter Eggstravaganza in the Community Centre. Those who came along last year will recall making Easter Bonnets and Baskets, painting eggs and going on an egg hunt! Look out for more details next month.

Our next meeting is in the Havelock at 8pm on February 4th.

All welcome.

You can contact us on 01434 684061 [Pauline and John].

Pauline Wallis



CHURCH PAGE

CLERGY MESSAGE

from
Leo Pyle

“Come to the water.” Isaiah is in raptures again over our relationship with The Lord our God. This relationship is food and drink and total satisfaction for every instinct, ambition and desire, physical and spiritual. This relationship is life upon life. If we come to the Lord in a truly conscious state, aware of our thoughts and feelings and able to observe them both, as opposed to the unconscious state of the majority of humanity, we move into total identity with the divine.

‘Transformation’ is the word. ‘Conversion’ is too light. Hence Isaiah’s Canticle with its “God is my salvation, my strength, song and saviour.”

We cannot keep this to ourselves. It is just not natural.

“People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One . . .”

We live a half life and less for the want of the will to be transformed. The courage to be transformed. As St. Catherine of Sienna says, “It is heaven all the way to heaven and hell all the way to hell.”

Well, is it heaven for us? If not, perhaps we are not allowing ourselves to be transformed by the spirit, the water and the blood.

So what is all this supposed to mean?

The meaning is here before our very eyes. Jesus coming from Nazareth in Galilee is baptised in the Jordan by John. Transformation follows. And a voice comes from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.”

And Jesus takes off. Transformed as he is, we profess and proclaim with St. John the Evangelist, “This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

Jesus takes away the sin of the world. The transformed Jesus transforms us all, if we really want to be transformed. This is reality. This is the real order and dimension of what we are all involved in.

Or are we?

No reductionism, please. Let us not reduce the truth to our puny categories and paltry scales of forgiveness and salvation. This is mega. It is cosmic.

“We accept the testimony of human witnesses

But God’s testimony is much greater

And this is God’s testimony

Given as evidence for his Son.”

The folk who say, “I am glad I have lived my life, given the



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

kind of world we live in.”

Apart from being very boring, they pronounce a blasphemy. It is a version of the greatest Biblical blasphemy which refuses to accept God’s forgiveness of us all. We can only say to them,

“Come to the water. Listen and your soul will live.” (*Is. 55.1-11*)

“Suddenly, a great stillness arises within you, an unfathomable sense of peace.

And within that peace, there is great joy

And within that joy there is love.

And at the innermost core, there is the sacred, the immeasurable, That which cannot be named”.

“Practising the Power of Now” (Page. 132)
Eckhart Tolle

Leo Pyle

**METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES**

3rd February

10.00am Morning Worship
Bob MacAlpin
6.00pm Communion Service
Rev Les Hann

10th February

10.00am Family Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Worship
Kevin Williams and friends from
Community Church

17th February

10.00am Morning Worship
Roger Anthony
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev Les Hann

24th February

10.00am Morning Worship
Ian Warburton
6.00pm Evening Worship
Rev Andrew West

3rd March

10.00am Communion Service
Rev Les Hann
6.00pm Evening Worship
Joan Histon

Messy Church

13th February
3.30pm at the
Methodist Church come
along and bring your
friends

**Christian Aid Organiser
For Haydon Bridge 2013**

We need an organiser for the Christian Aid house to house
collection which takes place annually in May.
There are many willing volunteers who give up their time to
make this happen.

Anyone interested in co-ordinating this event should contact
Rev Les Hann 320051. (help and guidance will be given)

**BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW
CHURCH SERVICES**

3rd February

Henshaw
9.30am BCP Communion

10th February

*10.00am Joint Service at
Haydon Bridge*

17th February

Beltingham
9.30am Communion

24th February

10.00am Joint Communion

3rd March

Beltingham
9.30am BCP Communion

**HAYDON OLD CHURCH
SERVICES**

Evensong
28th April at 6.00pm

**Woman's World Day of
Prayer**

Friday, 1st March
2.00pm
at St John's Church,
Haydon Bridge

Speaker is Lindsay Cross
from
West End Refugee Service,
Newcastle

**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**

3rd February

11.00am BCP Communion

10th February

10.00am Joint Communion
Service

17th February

11.00am Communion

24th February

*10.00am Joint Communion at
Beltingham*

3rd March

11.00am BCP Communion

St Cuthbert's Church,
Haydon Bridge

**"Working Together
for Tomorrow"**

At the request of the
Church Council
Rev Rachel Wood
will explain Local Ministry
Groups
and help us explore how we
can help our Parish Church

Monday 11th March
7.30pm

NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

HAYDON BRIDGE **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

a great venue for club activities,
meetings, celebrations, parties

To make a booking contact Valerie
on 01434 684705

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Exercise for the over 50s!

General seated and standing exercise to music, tailored to meet the needs of people over 50 or those less able of any age.

Improve your mobility, flexibility and stamina.

Have fun, get fit.

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HAYDON BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH.

£2.50 per person

for more information contact Anne/Angie 0845 140 00 88

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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: 01434 684 783

WHIST DRIVES

Langley Village Hall

Fortnightly on Saturdays
at 7.00pm.

£1.00 entrance
(Everyone welcome)

Community Police Surgeries

Our next surgery is on FEBRUARY28th

10.00am-11.00am at Haydon Bridge Methodist Church

You're welcome to come and have a chat with your local
community police.

THE BRIDGE LIBRARY **& TOURIST INFORMATION POINT**

Telephone 01434 688658

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY: 9.00am-12 noon

TUESDAY: 1.00pm-4.00pm

WEDNESDAY: 1.00pm-4.00pm

FRIDAY: 4.00pm-6.30pm

SATURDAY: 9.30am-12.30am

Coffee and tea available

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

The Art Group's next meetings are on

Jan 30th, Feb 13th, Feb 27th

For details/enquiries please contact Barbara on
01434 688 886

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': 01434 684 216

All phone calls for dispensing or prescriptions: 01434 688351

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

Website www.haydonbridgesurgery.co.uk

THE MEETING PLACE

at THE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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.

HAYDON BRIDGE DANCE CLUB



SEQUENCE **DANCING**

EVERY MONDAY

7.30 to 10.00pm

Haydon Bridge Community Centre

Only £1.50 inc. tea & biscuits

DANCING IS FOR FUN

Ask for details at: 01434 684 452

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Working for victims of crime.

If you are a victim of crime, we are
able to offer support in practical and
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01661830770

82, Front St. Prudhoe, NE42 5PU

or

01670822334

(Bedlington office)

HAYDON BRIDGE NATURE CLUB

AUTUMN & WINTER TALKS PROGRAMME

Meetings are held in Haydon Bridge Methodist Church and
commence at 7.15pm

31st January Dr John Harrison *Cloud types & weather*

14th February Derek Parker *AGM. Two Great Gardens*

28th February Dr A Donaldson *The China Nobody Knows*

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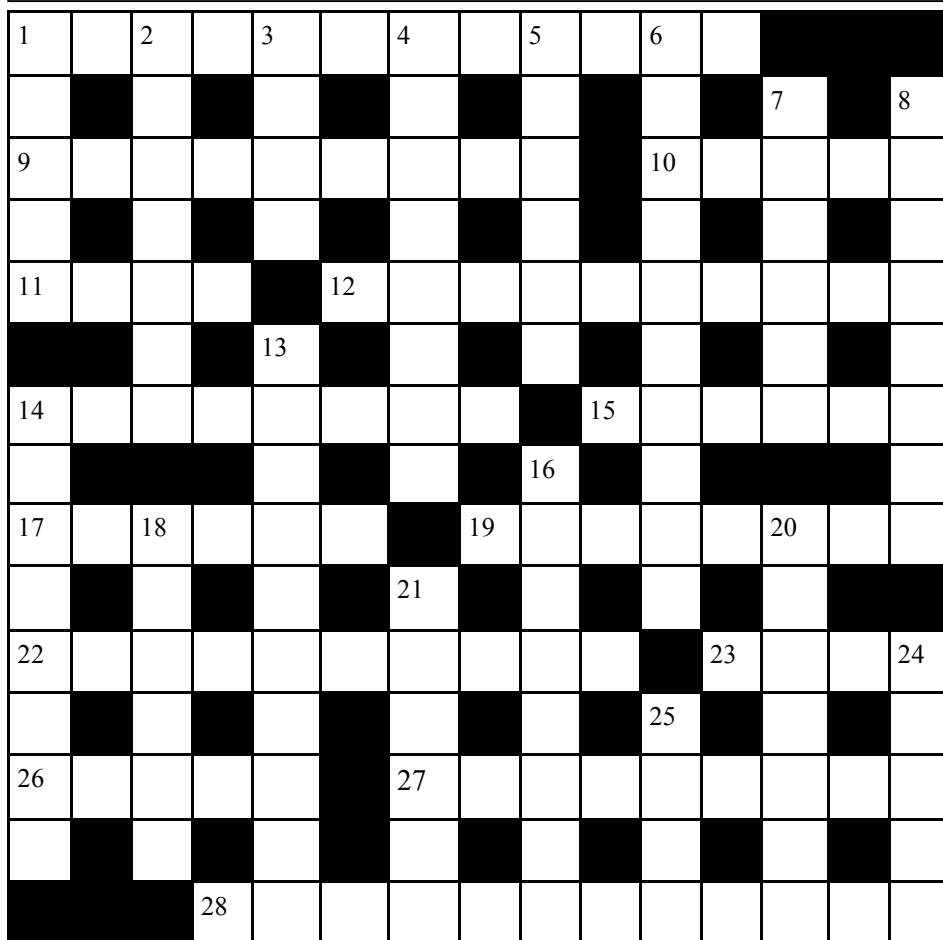
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The £10 Crossword

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ACROSS

1. Merged fashionable group of troops who held forth.(12)
9. What naughty footballers get.(5,4)
10. Segment of fruit ripens to produce offal.(5)
11. Excursion faux pas.(4)
12. Torment family members. They try to solve problems.(5,5)
14. Tory name messed up capital.(8)
15. Liquid measure nothing like book size.(6)
17. Information struggle for social class.(6)
19. Vehicle quickly becomes a shell.(8)
22. Terrorist movement goes against the tide.(10)
23. Spot stallion.(4)

26. Lengthwise on account.(5)

27. Rents holes.(9)

28. Complain green lights result in bad weather warnings.(5,7)

DOWN

1. Absurd pet in complete turmoil.(5)
2. Dead animals keep going, we hear.(7)
3. Traces fish.(4)
4. Grey roan wrecked summer house.(8)
5. Capital where crazy hen sat.(6)
6. Added wall painting outside of University control.(10)
7. First film director.(6)
8. By the seaside town in Worcestershire.(8)
13. Celebrity, inventive, makes light of a heavenly body.(10)

SOLUTIONS TO DECEMBER'S CROSSWORD. (78)

Across

1. Aeroplane
6. Err
9. Interpret
10. Belle
11. (See 4 down)
12. Forecastle
14. Artefact
15. Fondue
17. Pamper
19. Honestly
22. Admittance
23. Eat
25. Athos
26. Derigueur
28. She
29. Freemason

Down

1. Amigo
2. Retreat
3. Par
- 4 & 11. Air Force One
5. Esther
6. Emblazoned
7. Related
8. Cemetery
13. Aftertaste
14. Alpha Ray
16. Concorde
18. Memphis
- 21 & 20. Maid of the seas
24. Turin
27. Gym

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

9 (5 correct)

Two more correct crosswords were returned but they arrived after the closing date and the prize draw.

THIS MONTH'S WINNER

Liz Jukes

14. A manic GI confused trickster.(8)

16. Weapons, yon beast murdered.(8)

18. And Ono desperate for a large bird. (6)

20. A roast I cooked for grand hotel.(7)

21. A minor battle occurrence(6)

24. Furniture pulpits.(5)

25. A male deer from past age.(4)

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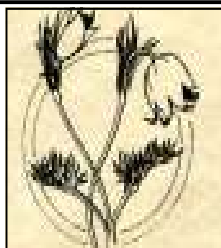
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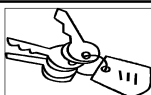
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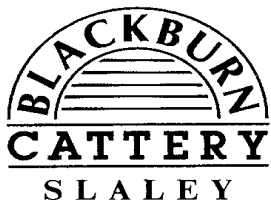
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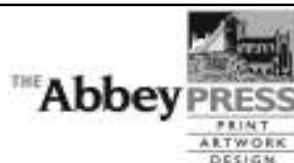
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We consider river cleans to be a winter sport –
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Look out for information on how to get involved with our wrestling with balsam, kicking for invertebrates and river monitoring.

River clean / litter pick

Saturday 9th February 2pm-5pm

Meet at the Football Field

River clean / litter pick

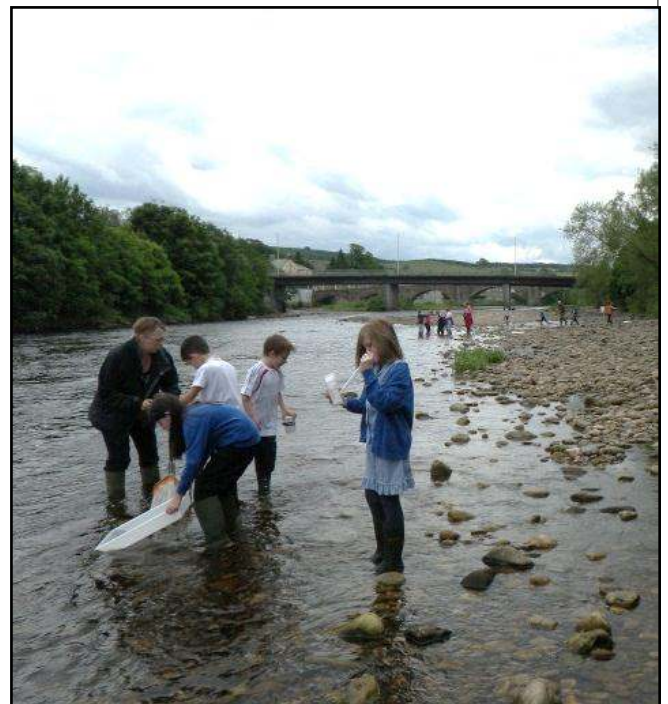
Sunday 10th March 2pm – 6pm

Meet at the Picnic Area

River clean / litter pick

Monday 25th March 4pm -6pm

Meet at West Road, by the Railway Tunnel



If all you can spare is half an hour we would be delighted to see you.

If you want to help but can't make the event dates, we can supply you with everything needed to do your own bit in your own time.

For more information on Haydon Bridge River Watch Group and to get involved, phone Barbara on 688886.