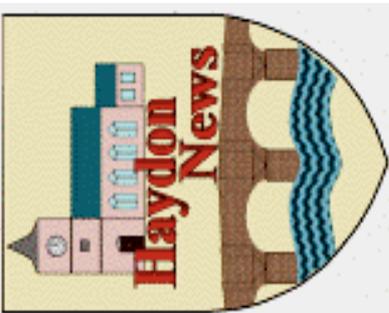


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Date	What's On	Time	Venue	Cost/ Info
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Face painting competition A Night At the Musicals Beer Festival	10am - 12noon 7pm - 9.30pm Midday - Midnight	Community Centre St Cuthbert's Church Low Hall Football Field	- Donations - £5 inc. a light supper <a href="http://www.haydonbeerfestival.co.uk">www.haydonbeerfestival.co.uk</a>
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Murder Mystery Night - featuring Sunshine Panners Steel Band	6.15pm - 10pm	Langley Castle	- £20 inc. 3 course meal + a murder to solve
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sequence Dancing Film Night (Casablanca)	7.30pm - 9.30pm 7pm start	Community Centre The General Havelock Inn	- £1.50 inc. a light supper – pay on door - £8 inc. Moroccan food [£3 for film only]
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	My Favourite Poem - adults Sing-a-long with Johnny Handle on piano Northumbrian Night – Canny Crack, Dennis Telford, Johnny Handle, Angus Gardiner and The Bandersnatch Cats	10am - 12noon 2pm - 3pm 8pm - 10.30pm	'The Bridge' Library The General Havelock Inn The General Havelock Inn	- £2, limited space, book early FREE. Donations welcome. Lunch (12-2pm) - booking advisable -Adult£6/ Child£4 inc. Northumbrian supper
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Story telling with actions – age 2-5 Memorabilia Exhibition The Jubilee Band + BBQ	10.30am - 11.30am 2pm - 4pm 8pm 'til late	'The Bridge' Library Methodist Church/ 'The Bridge' Library The Anchor Hotel	- £2, limited space, book early - FREE. Donations welcome - FREE band – BBQ £10
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Nonsense Poems – age 2-5 First School performances Memorabilia Exhibition Ian K Brown and The Alpacas	10.30am - 11.30am 2.45pm - 3.15pm 2pm - 4pm 8pm 'til late	'The Bridge' Library Shaftoe Trust First School Methodist Church/ 'The Bridge' Library The Railway Hotel	- £2, limited space, book early - FREE. Donations welcome - FREE. Donations welcome - FREE. Donations welcome
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	One Act Play Reading - adults Comedy Night – top comedians inc. Stefan Peddie from 'Hebburn'	10am - 12noon 8pm 'til late	Methodist Church/ 'The Bridge' Library The Haydonian Social Club	- £2, limited space, book early - £10
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Face painting competition Big Band Family Night/ bar	10am - 12noon 7pm - 10pm	Community Centre Community Centre	- Donations - Adult £5/ Child £3 - crisps/ nuts etc. bring your own food if you like

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**EDITORIAL COMMENT**

There can't be many small villages where so much is happening in such a short space of time and all organised by various groups of volunteers from the community. Last month there was the very successful Haydon Hundred Cycling Event. This month there's the two day Beer Festival and the week long Performing Arts Festival. Full details of all these events are in this issue of the Haydon News.

Which brings me to the notice at the top of this page and the notice on page 3.

We rely on our team of Haydon News distributors to get the magazine to homes in the Parish. We need a volunteer to deliver to the homes in Greenwich Gardens. It only takes half an hour once a month for 10 months. Would that Greenwich Gardens volunteer please get in touch soon? (See notice above)

Then there's the notice on page 3...

After a possible record breaking 85+ editions of the Haydon News produced by the present editors, Mike and Dennis, they have decided to step down and give someone else the opportunity to take on the role.

To make the task less time consuming than at present, the Friends are looking to have small teams of volunteers to help in the Haydon News editorial and production process. So if you've not been busy volunteering to organise any of the recent or soon to be happening village events, or if you have and would now like to volunteer for something completely different, then get in touch with Steve. MP

**EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE HAYDON NEWS.**

The editorial policy of the Haydon News is the responsibility of the Committee of the Friends of Haydon Bridge, although day to day responsibility is delegated to the editors. Our intention is always to ensure that the content of the Haydon News is as fair and factually correct as possible. Any complaints concerning editorial policy should be addressed in writing to the Chairman of the Friends of Haydon Bridge, and will be considered by and receive a formal response from the Committee of the Friends of Haydon Bridge. Complaints other than those made above will not be entertained.

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Anonymous letters/articles will NOT be published. A nom-de-plume may be used provided that the Editors have been advised of the writer's name and address.

**Editors: Mike Parkin and Dennis Telford.**

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# The Friends of Haydon Bridge

THE VOLUNTARY GROUP THAT PRODUCE THE HAYDON NEWS

After almost 9 years of producing The Haydon News our current editors, Mike Parkin and Dennis Telford, are stepping down.

# **YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU**

The Haydon News is written, edited, printed, delivered and distributed by a team of unpaid volunteers who set time aside each month to serve the Parish community. We feel that this is a valuable service to the community and one which is widely welcomed.

At intervals, team members move or have a change of circumstances and new team members are needed to maintain the production of The Haydon News. This also represents an opportunity for fresh ideas, new layouts, new contributors and so forth.

## **WE NEED SOME NEW VOLUNTEERS NOW**

Would you be prepared to spend a few hours each month serving our community? Nobody is expected to shoulder the whole job of producing The Haydon News - it is a team effort in which different people with different skills do different parts of the process that they are happiest doing.....delivering The Haydon News to distributors, helping with printing, reporting on village events, looking after the advertising pages etc

## **FIRST OF ALL WE ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR**

**If you would like to volunteer for the post of Editor, or any other of the team jobs involved in producing The Haydon News, or if you would like a preliminary chat about things, please phone or email me, or drop a note into Claire's Newsagents**

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email [mail@stevenford.co.uk](mailto:mail@stevenford.co.uk)**

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES from the meeting in June 2013

### **Public Participation**

Two residents living beside the path to the railway line foot crossing expressed their concerns about the positioning of the proposed new footbridge. If it is built on the existing line of the path then it would affect their privacy. If it is built, they hope the bridge will be sited away from houses. However, they did report two incidents when they had seen children playing on the foot crossing and that a bridge might be a safer option. (See report on pages 14 and 15)

The rubbish bins in the cemetery are full to overflowing. The meeting was informed that the person responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery had been off work due to illness but had now returned and would be emptying the bins as usual. A member of the public suggested the council purchase a 'ride on' mower to ease the task of keeping the cemetery tidy. It was pointed out that such a mower cannot access the areas between headstones and would leave much to be hand cut after mowing.

### **Council Meeting**

10 Parish Councillors and NCC Councillor Alan Sharp were present

### **NCC Report**

Cllr Sharp reported that NCC had cleaned up after the travellers from Appleby Fair had made their usual halt in Langley. The caravans, previously at Willow Gap, have been moved to a different location. NCC and the police are still involved.

The Haydon Bridge Football Club have received £5,000 from the Developer's Sports Fund to repair the pavilion roof.

There is a problem finding houses in the area for Haydon Bridge folk wanting to reside locally. While the Showfield housing has a 'locals first' allocation requirement, the housing in the older estates does not. This has meant that under NCC's housing policy to offer available rented property county wide, people from other parts of Northumberland have been offered housing in Haydon Bridge if their point allocation indicates greater need than some locals applying for rented accommodation.

A councillor commented that the introduction of 'the bedroom tax' and changes in benefits will increase the number of people on the move looking for alternative accommodation and will exacerbate the present problems.

Cllr Sharp told the Council that Allendale Middle School is to close and the age range of pupils at Shaftoe First School is to change to 4-11 years, with the High School taking students from 11-18 years.

Shaftoe Young Farmers was congratulated on the well organised rally held at Beamwham and on coming second in the event. Whitley Chapel Young Farmers won the rally. Hopefully more pot holes in our local roads will be dealt with before too long.

### **Highways**

The Council was informed that a group of parish councillors are meeting with the Highways Agency and Road Link to discuss the Council's concerns about the design and safety of the junction of the A69 with the A686 to Alston road. A report has been compiled by a councillor on the design of other junctions along the A69 so that comparisons can be made at their meeting.

In response to the Council's query on the introduction of yellow no parking lines at the end of the old bridge on Ratcliffe Road and Shaftoe Street, NCC stated that money for road schemes has already been allocated for this financial year, but these proposals will be included for consideration in next year's programme.

Several complaints have been received from wheelchair users about the access to the dropped kerb at the end of the Ratcliffe Road ramp to the old bridge being blocked by parked cars. A request was also received for dropped kerbs at each end of the new bridge to ease access for wheelchair users.

### **Correspondence**

A letter was received from local MP Guy Oppermann congratulating councillors on their electoral success and his interest in helping with local issues. He also pointed out that under a new planning act, local people will have more say over the siting of wind turbines.

A Definitive Map Modification Order has been confirmed for the addition to the map of a public right of way along the north bank of the river, from the old bridge to the fence at Brandlehow.

An acknowledgement of the Council's letter of complaint about the 685 bus service was received from Stagecoach. In the next few weeks work is to start on the demolition of the buildings and site clearance at the former West End Joinery.

### **Parish Projects**

The Haydon Bridge Development Trust was congratulated on the success of the Haydon Hundred Cycling Event. With 236 entrants it made a profit for the Trust of £2,000. This will go towards the running and maintenance costs of the Library. Planning for a similar cycling event next year is already being considered.

The Council was reminded of the GITS' Performing Arts Week with a request that councillors support the events. The full programme of events is on the cover of this Haydon News. Tickets are available from Claire's, individual venues and The Bridge - where a Swedish student will be on hand to help the usual volunteers deal with the rush for tickets!

Further enquiries are being made about possible repairs to the village War Memorial.

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**In the past three issues of The Haydon News I have followed the construction of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway, before leaving the train last month at Cowran Cutting in Cumberland, on the line's one hundred and seventy fifth anniversary. There are still a number of items from my research I'd like to share with you, before this story hits the buffers.**

### THE RAILWAY BUILDERS

**F**irstly, I am conscious of the fact that social history is about people as much as - or perhaps more than - place and, other than the planners and engineers, I have failed, so far, in my research to find any primary sources that introduce us to those who built the railway. Especially the navvies or labourers who excavated and laid the lines for this remarkable sixty one miles of civil engineering undertaken, we are told, with their horses, carts and wheel barrows and 'without any steam locomotives' as support.

Imagine the heavy labouring work involved in the many tunnels, cuttings, embankments, and bridges on the line, that required the brawn and expertise of the navvies before the laying of the rails.

For example: the Wetheral Viaduct that required building work on 350,000 cubic feet of stone; the Cowran Hills' cutting, the largest on the line at one mile long and 110 ft deep; the quarter of a mile long and 40ft deep Hell Beck cutting and the 73 ft embankment; the 200,000 cubic yards of earth that was moved between Haltwhistle and Whitchester, and the 200 yard tunnel. Then there were the numerous stone-built retaining walls and around one hundred bridges.

**I** will continue my search for individual records of those who built the Newcastle and Carlisle line; in the meantime, J.A. Wells in his publication, *'The Railways of Northumberland and Newcastle upon Tyne'* (Pub 1998 by Powdene Publicity Ltd.) provides a flavour of the 'armies of tough men who built the actual railway with picks, shovels, wheel barrows and with help from horses ..... often in appalling conditions.' Many of whom had been involved earlier in building the country's canals - the word navvie was derived from the 'navigators' who built the canals.

*'Apart from their great strength, they had developed a good knowledge of drainage, building embankments, boring tunnels and excavating cuttings which, coupled to their familiarity with rocks and clay, made them ideal for this type of work. Many were very shrewd but were known for their loyalty to their comrades. They often worked together in a butty-gang of ten or twelve under contract to cut out and remove so much dirt. Their dress was usually corduroy breeches held up by a broad leather belt and tied or buttoned at the knee; ribbed stockings and strong, high laced boots.*

*Those navvies were known for their huge appetites, particularly for meat, and for their ability to drink enormous amounts of liquor. This was good for local trade where they were working but often scared the life out of the natives! Nevertheless, they were visited regularly by clergymen for whom they had a great respect. Very often the railway builders were known only by their nicknames. There was Old Blackbird, Hedgehog, Cat's Meat. Gorger, the Duke of Wellington (because of his large nose), and Mary Ann who had an effeminate voice.'*

Much of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway was built by Grahamsley & Co., and it is likely that many of those who made up their labour force were recruited from Irish immigrants who sought escape from abject poverty in their own country - one third of all nineteenth century railway builders were said to be of Irish descent.

The railway building boom coincided with the agricultural crisis in Ireland and many Irish navvies sent their earnings home, while the English and Scottish are said to have 'lavished their wages on alcohol'.

According to the Science Museum's publication 'Making of the Modern World', the Irish were treated with contempt. The Presbyterian Scottish navvies hated them while the English had a reputation for fighting anyone, but particularly the Irish.

The religious differences were apparently accentuated by the Irish being prepared to work for less money, thereby lowering wages generally.

We have a number of descriptions of the navvies when they worked for Thomas Brassey, another railway builder of the nineteenth century. Descriptions that, in part, probably also applied to many of those working on the line through the Tyne gap.

**The navvies** ... 'lived rough in makeshift bothies or under carts. They cooked their meals on their shovels over braziers. Much of their food was poached from local preserves or stolen from the livestock of local farms. Their swearing and drunkenness made them feared. Mothers threatened their naughty children, not with the "bogy man", but with "the navy"'. Errant daughters were warned that they would become "navvies' Molls", and open warfare was waged in the hostelrys with local lads.'

**The navvies** ... 'Were the most hardworking, heavy drinking men that society could have thrown up. The British navy became famous for the amount of work he was able and willing to get through in a day. It was recorded that they would regularly shovel in the region of twenty tons of earth in a working day, for which they might expect, possibly, two shillings in wages. No other men in the world acquired such a reputation for work. If they had a fault, it was their ability to consume a great amount of alcohol.

They worked extremely hard and were, perhaps, justified in playing hard as well.'

In 1845 there were 200,000 men building 3,000 miles of new railways.

**Source and thanks for the Thomas Brassey quotations: Doug Haynes and Penkrige Community Information Resource website.**

**A sign of discontent amongst the navvies working at the west end of the Newcastle and Carlisle line, and an indication of the strength of feeling against the early trades unions, was reported in the Newcastle Journal of July 7th 1836.**

The completion of the line at the Canal Basin in Carlisle could not be carried into effect, owing to a strike amongst the masons and other workmen. This affords another specimen of the pernicious efforts of Trades Unions. The men were not at all dissatisfied with their wages; but took advantage of the anxiety of the Directors of the Company that the works should be completed on time, to insist upon the dismissal of all their fellow-labourers who were anti-unionists. Messrs. Grahamsley & Co., the spirited and highly talented contractors, refused to comply with this imperious demand and the directors seconded their praiseworthy conduct; by declaring that they would rather open the Railway in an unfinished state than suffer their respectable contractors to be victimised by an abominable confederacy. Thus were the unionists completely defeated.

#### TREPIDATION

Steam trains might conjure up romantic notions in 2013, but that hasn't always been the case.

To the uninitiated 'rustics', the brash, noisy locomotives that first rattled their way through our hitherto idyllic rural countryside, the noise echoing across the valley like thunder, often from deep cuttings, were akin to steaming, fiery monsters; and an early reputation as a danger to life and limb did little to improve the steam train's image.

I have previously mentioned George Wood, the first Haydon Bridge traveller to be killed in a railway accident on the Newcastle and Carlisle line, as early as July 1836 (HN May 2013), and there were many other occasions of death or near death across the country that were widely and frequently reported in the local press that gave cause for alarm.

An accident on May 10th 1841 had its root source at Haydon Bridge.

A 'truss of carpeting' was removed at Haydon Bridge station from a waggon of the train travelling from Carlisle. The article was one of a number that had been packed and secured at Carlisle.

As a consequence of removing part of the load, the remainder became 'disarranged' and, on its journey following the stop at Haydon Bridge, another six stone truss of carpeting was 'disengaged from its lashings' and fell from the waggon onto the rails. A Mr Algood's

carriage and two others immediately behind, were forced off the rails and as a result a man-servant of Mr Algood's lost his balance, fell from his seat and was injured.

In the incident in question, although the accident was not of fatal character, great blame was attached to the person whose duty it was to have secured the tarpaulin after the truss of carpeting was taken off at Haydon Bridge, and the Directors were called upon by the Inspector of Railways, to mark their displeasure at the conduct of this person - *I don't have a name.*

Even animals in fields bordering the tracks or being transported in cattle trucks felt the full force of this, to many, frightening mode of transport.

On Saturday evening, November 22nd 1845, a train going west after dark, ran against a cow on the rails between Haydon Bridge and Haltwhistle. The animal was instantly killed. It seems that it had jumped out of a truck from a train going east, had broken its thigh and was lying across the line. The engine travelling west, the 'Rapid', was derailed and the driver was thrown out of the cab into a hedge.

Fortunately, and perhaps remarkably, on this occasion the driver escaped unhurt. One year earlier, a similar incident involving a cow at Ryton had resulted in the death of the animal and the engine driver.

Those who worked on the railways were, perhaps, in the greatest danger.

On Tuesday, March 27th 1877, sixty seven years old John Gillies, a foreman platelayer who lived close to the railway line at Lipwood Bridge, was killed by the passenger train that had left Carlisle at 10.00am. John had been in the employ of the company as a foreman platelayer for about forty years and had been promoted to 'Ganger', supervising repair of a 'length' from Ridley Hall to a little below Lipwood Well.

On the Tuesday morning, the deceased was assisting a gang of men to unload a ballast train standing on the down line near his own cottage. As the passenger train was bearing down and within a few yards of where they were working, John stepped into the 'six foot' between the lines and was killed instantly; 'one arm and one leg being fractured and his body fearfully mutilated'. John's body was taken to his own cottage and he was buried at Haydon Bridge on March 30th 1877.

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#### 1845 PROSPECTUS

Accidents and fear did not slow down the requests for permission to build and run railways, and throughout the country plans for almost eight hundred new lines of railway had been deposited with the Board of Trade by November 1845.

These 1845 proposals included a Branch Railway from Warden, to connect the town of Bellingham with the 'Great Cattle Thoroughfare' from Scotland called 'The Watling Street', and with the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway. And, interestingly, 'a Branch Railway from a

junction on the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway at or near the South end of the railway bridge erected across the South Tyne in the Township of Morralee, in the Chapelry of Haydon’.

The Branch railway was to pass through or into ‘the Parishes, Townships, Townlands and Extra-parochial places of Warden, Haltwhistle, Plainmellar (sic), Ridley, Haydon, Morralee and Deanraw; terminating at or near the turnpike at the North End of the village of Allenheads’.

#### EXCURSIONS

The Directors of the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway Company, had to encourage Northumberland and Cumberland residents to use, and get used to, this new method of transport, in spite of its early relatively poor publicity and public perceptions of danger. One answer was to provide excursion trains to events in both counties.

**The Newcastle and Carlisle Railway can claim the distinction of offering the first ever British railway excursion; on April 13th 1840 when passengers paid ten shillings return, a saving of six shillings on the usual fare, and travelled from Carlisle to the ‘Polytechnic Exhibition’ in Newcastle.**

Not all excursions were met with universal approval, however. Following the success of a Sunday trip on the train to Carlisle in June 1839, by workers from the engineers R & W Hawthorne, a similar cheap Sunday excursion in

1840 met with the ire of the Reverend W.C. Burns who denounced the outing on hand bills.

The supporters of the Sabbath as a day of rest continued to demand, without success, that the Newcastle and Carlisle line be closed completely on a Sunday.

**Haydon Bridge was a most popular stop for excursion trains on the early Newcastle and Carlisle line in the nineteenth century.** The Haydon Spa and the locality’s beautiful walks were well publicised across the north, and annual events such as the Haydon Bridge Shows and the Staward Peel Picnics were attended by thousands of people, many of whom arrived by train.

I reported on one famous railway excursion to Haydon Bridge in the July 2010 issue of The Haydon News. A wrestling duel in 1845 between James Jameson of Newcastle and John Ivison of Carlisle; won by three falls to two by Ivison. The poster advertising the event is one of special historical interest as it shows wrestlers in

action, and their garb, for the first time.

Incidentally; in my July 2010 article I made the assumption that the wrestling match may have taken place on the ground where Alexandra Terrace was built. Or, maybe, on the land that was to become the Show Field.

In fact, further information has come to my attention suggesting that the venue for outside events in Haydon Bridge in the nineteenth century was ‘Belmont’. On the river terrace below today’s Belmont Gardens.

#### WILLIAM MARTIN

Another Haydon Bridge link with the Newcastle and Carlisle Railway is interesting, if marginal in the overall scheme of things.

I have in my possession a poor quality but legible copy of Wylam railway engineer Benjamin Thompson’s



nineteenth century survey of the line, showing plans and sections along its length. A central image on the document is a significant engraving of William Martin - the eldest son of Fenwick and Isabella and brother of our village’s famous son, John. The caption accompanying the engraving states:

*‘William Martin.*

*Born at the Towhouse in the parish of Haltwhistle June 21st 1772.*

*The original inventor of Railways.’*

William’s first years were mainly spent at his maternal grandparents, Richard and Ann Thompson of East Landends, but it was 1794 when the basis for his claim to be the ‘inventor of Railways’ was born, as the first of many inventions in his life.

William was working as a twenty two year old at a ropery at Howdon Dock when, passing some coal waggons on wooden rails, he said it was foolish to have waggons running on wood. Two years later he made a model of a ‘Metallic Railway’ laid on stone. He said that

the carriages would run with less friction than on wood and, therefore, one horse would draw three or four carriages. When metal rails were eventually introduced, without acknowledging William's 'invention', he was very much aggrieved.

Sharing in the excitement of the later railway boom, William devised a plan for dealing with the sparks which were a source of danger to the passengers in the open third class carriages. He advised railway engineers to streamline their engines, 'to make them sharp at the front, the same as a boat with a fine cut water', and he recommended ten-foot wheels to enable engines to go fifty miles an hour, as well as advocating the broad gauge track.

**William Martin attended the 1838 opening of the Newcastle and Carlisle line and was very indignant at its mismanagement.**

**The event as described by William, and related by Thomas Balston in 1945, adds to our knowledge of the occasion on June 18th., one hundred and seventy five years ago.**

**William's train** was late in starting, along with the rest of the parade, and did not reach Carlisle until 6.00pm. At eight o'clock when the passengers returned to the train for the journey to Newcastle, all the conductors had disappeared and, as it was a very wet night, the first comers seized all the seats in the closed carriages. By eleven o'clock, when the conductors appeared, very drunk, all the people in the third class carriages were soaked through. On the return journey the train stopped frequently and many of the passengers got out for 'necessary purposes': but they were hardly out before the whistle went and they had to rush back, to William's amusement, in all stages of 'dishéville'.

It was 4.00am before the party reached Newcastle and when the Directors of the Railway excused themselves on the grounds that there had been heavy thunderstorms - *not leaves on the line this time* - William is said to have replied that the Duke of Wellington had had the same weather at Waterloo, but had managed the battle better.

#### HAYDON BRIDGE PERFORMING ARTS WEEK

#### A NORTHUMBRIAN NIGHT AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK

TUESDAY, 16th JULY 2013

8.00pm : Tickets £6 (£4 under 14s)

Tickets from the General Havelock, Claire's  
and The Bridge

#### MUSIC AND SONG WITH

Johnny Handle : Canny Crack

Wilf Stone and The Bandersnatch Cats

Angus Gardiner : Dennis Telford

And Gary's Famous Ham & Pease Puddin' Stotties

#### 150 NOT OUT

#### Part 3

**Parts 1 and 2 were in our May and June issues.**

**Formed in 1863, Haydon Bridge Cricket Club**

**celebrates its 150th anniversary this year.**

**Our cricket team's first trophy, the West Tyne Senior League title, was won in 1910 but it was 1949 before their second success.**

**The penultimate game, against Riding Mill, in the 1949 Championship winning season, proved to be a fascinating contest.**

**Edward Waite** was captain of the Haydon Bridge side in 1949 and with the league championship already won, he set the stage for the day's strange events before a ball was bowled, in the second last match of the season against Riding Mill, when he won the toss for the ninth successive time - an achievement unequalled by any previous Haydon Bridge captain.

Haydon Bridge's opening batsman Keith Brown, promoted in the batting order, added to the chapter of 'strange and remarkable happenings' in the game by driving a ball straight into the pocket of the umpire at the opposite end of the wicket.

When the sixth Haydon Bridge wicket had fallen at 70, records immediately began to be shattered as Eric Porteous and Charlie Coombes added 192 runs in 90 minutes for a record West Tyne League seventh wicket partnership. Charlie Coombes had nine boundaries in his innings and went on to an unbeaten century. Eric Porteous gave an easy catch when six short of his century. The pair were responsible for Haydon Bridge's all time record total of 293 for 7, before declaring.

Riding Mill in their turn set out to break records - for the slowest innings in West Tyne League history. In two hours they scored only 48 runs for the loss of six wickets. Their opening batsman Robert Slater, scoring an unbeaten 11 runs in the two hours.

The players who won the trophy for Haydon Bridge in the 1949 season were: E. Porteous, J.W. Brown, L.C. Coombes, R. Allen, N.L. Brown, N. Kirsopp, C. Bates, J. Taylor, Dr. I.S. Ferguson, T.K. Brown, D. Allen, E. Taylor, W.D. Reynolds and M. Ross.

Haydon Bridge celebrated their success with a Victory Dance in the Town Hall in October, and the club President, G. Lee Wanless presented mounted photographs to the fourteen members of the team who brought sporting honour to the village.

Captain Edward Waite acknowledged the congratulations and gifts and said that Haydon Bridge was now recognised as the centre of village sport and the home of fine sportsmen, both cricketers and footballers.

Edward Waite's comments at the Victory Dance, meant our village sporting teams had much to live up to, and we were not to be disappointed; the 1949 season was the start of a halcyon period for the Haydon Bridge Cricket

Club and six trophies were won in the next seven years.

**The Championship of the West Tyne League was retained in 1950 and won again in 1955. In the 1952 Division I Knockout Cup, the First XI were runners up and won the trophy in 1955; while the Haydon Bridge Second XI won the Division II Championship in 1952 and 1953, and the Division II Knockout Cup in 1956.**

**On April 29th 1950**, Haydon Bridge got off to a good start in defence of their championship crown, by beating Haltwhistle. Jackie Robson, who had just joined our village club from Humshaugh, with a hat trick of wickets in figures of 4 for 15, and a first wicket partnership of 123 by Eric Porteous and Johnny Brown were the high points of a seven wicket victory.

Haltwhistle's batsmen amassed 137 runs and Haydon Bridge replied with 141 for 3 wickets.

The 1950 season was to prove just as successful as the previous year.

By August 1950, after beating Newbrough by 40 runs, Haydon Bridge had to win their two remaining fixtures to guarantee that they would retain the league championship.

On August 25th, our First XI made sure of the title only two minutes before the end of the game at Riding Mill, when they claimed the last of the Riding Mill wickets with the home side having scored 50 runs.

The champions had battled for a total of 150, including 2 short of a half century by Jackie Robson and 26 runs for Eric Porteous.

Eric had scored almost 400 runs during the season.

Haydon Bridge scores: J.W. Brown 7, E. Porteous 26, C. Coombes 0, N.L. Brown 0, J. Robson 48, C. Bates 21, Dr. I. S. Ferguson 5, D. Allen 20 n.o., E. Waite 1, W. Dawson 12. Extras 10. Total 150.

Bowling: D. Allen 1 for 24, E. Taylor 4 for 15, J. Robson 4 for 6.

Top Places in Final League Table 1950:

	P	W	D	L	PTS
Haydon Bridge	21	14	5	2	33
Stocksfield	21	13	3	5	29
West Wylam	21	11	6	4	28
Newton	21	9	9	3	27

**The next success for the Haydon Bridge Cricket Club came in 1952 when the Second XI were Division II champions.**

**In 1952**, our second team won ten games, drew two, lost none and won the league with thirty two points. Players in the Second XI included: J.T.H. Waite, A Moffatt, E. Dinning, Dr. I. Ferguson, J. Stephenson, G.T. Brown, J. Heslop, B. Corbett, D. Oliver, J. Milburn, W. Foster and J. Reynolds.

During the championship winning 1952 season, John Waite and Dr. Ferguson figured in a record Second XI

second innings partnership of 167, for Haydon Bridge against Haltwhistle in a West Tyne League game on Saturday, June 8th. Dr. Ferguson completed the first century of the season for Haydon Bridge with his unbeaten 104. including four sixes and thirteen boundaries, and John Waite scored 73 runs. The pair were still together when our village team closed their innings at 221 for 2 wickets. The two batsmen out were Alan Moffatt 7 and Eddie Dinning 21, with 16 Extras. Haltwhistle scored 82 runs in reply and the successful bowlers were: George (Puddy) Brown who had 5 wickets for 14 runs and Alan Moffatt with 3 for 13.

Also in 1952, the Haydon Bridge First XI had an opportunity to add to their trophies when they played Newton in the first post war final of the West Tyne League Knockout (Umpires) Cup.

However, in spite of taking 4 Newton wickets for 9 runs in a sensational start - when half the Newton side was out for 16 runs and Keith Brown had taken 7 wickets for 33 runs - our village team failed to make the advantage count. After 7 Haydon Bridge wickets had fallen for 38 runs, Newton won the match by 4 runs with a total score of 79.

**H**aving won the Division II title without defeat, in 1952, the Second XI dropped only one point - in a rain affected match - **in 1953**, on their way to a second successive title.

The successful 1953 Second XI included: W. Nicholson, D. Corbett, R. Moffatt, J.W.T. Hall, G.T. Brown, V. Welch, W. Foster, A. Moffatt, W. Forster, J. Stephenson, C. Corbett, J.T. Heslop and A. Reynolds.

The players made sure of the title by defeating Newbrough by 4 wickets on Saturday, August 15th 1953 when George Brown took 6 Newbrough wickets for 31 runs. Newbrough scored 73 runs all out and Haydon Bridge made 77 for 6 wickets.

**It was 1955 before Haydon Bridge's First XI repeated their 1949 and 1950 successes in West Tyne League competition, when they won the Division I Knockout Cup for the first time.**

**More about that next month.**

#### HAYDON BRIDGE PERFORMING ARTS WEEK

**OLD TIME SING - A - LONG  
With Johnny Handle at the Piano**

**TUESDAY, 16th JULY 2013  
2.00pm**

**AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK**

**ALL WELCOME**



**LUNCH AVAILABLE FROM  
12.00 NOON**



**LUNCH HALF PRICE FOR PENSIONERS**

**To Book Lunch - Ring Joanna : 01434 684376**

## GEORGE ANDERSON

**Former Haydonian and Dundee F.C. Manager George Anderson was inducted into the Dundee F.C. Hall of Fame on March 29th. (See HN April 2013) Gillian McGill, George's grand-daughter, received the award celebrating George's services to the club and we are so pleased that Gillian is able to share her thoughts with us.**

It is Friday, 15th March and my husband and I are travelling from Nottinghamshire to Aberdeen by car to celebrate my parents Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Northumberland always draws me to stop en route. We have had a lovely coffee in Corbridge and I ask my husband, "Do we have time to go through Haydon Bridge?" We were last here before the by-pass was built.

We follow the road North, up towards 'Cubstocks' and stop when we notice it is 'For Sale'. For this is where George Anderson's mother, Rachel Pigg, lived in the 1800s.

It makes me think about my English ancestry and one man's desire to take whatever chances came his way; having been orphaned as a youngster, brought up by relatives, then finding that his love of football might be his future .... and changed mine.

My grandfather died in 1956, two years after I was born, so it was with delight that I represented him and his daughter, Mildred, all these years later at the Dundee F.C. Hall of Fame Dinner. It seems that the club, its directors and fans have not forgotten him or his motto 'If you want to be big, think big' in the intervening years.

I received the Heritage Award on his behalf, a glass football acknowledging his part in the trophy winning 'Golden Age' of the club, but more than that, I was welcomed into the current Dundee Football Club family. So many people came to speak to me with stories from the past that the evening flew by and soon it is over.

George Anderson never forgot his roots. His home in Aberdeen, he named 'Haydon Villa' and even his dog! I too remember it with pride and interest.

Best wishes to all in Haydon Bridge.

**Gillian McGill**

## THE HAYDON HUNDRED

Despite the fact that most of our local enthusiasts were away cycling across Lancashire and Yorkshire that weekend, Saturday June 8th saw around 250 cyclists descend on the village for the first running of the Haydon Hundred.

So named because of the 100km length of its long route, this was a Cyclo-Sportive event where participants of varying levels of skill and fitness tested themselves against a challenging route over Hadrian's Wall and then up to some of the highest roads in the North Pennines before returning some hours later to their start point. A Cyclo-Sportive is a non-competitive event where riders do not race against each other, but they are timed electronically and take pride in the times they are able to post for the route.

The Haydon Hundred offered two alternatives, both starting and finishing at The Bridge Community Library. The longer, 100km route headed via Newbrough over Hadrian's Wall before descending into Haltwhistle for the first feed station. It then climbed up through the South Tyne valley, up the cobbled streets of Alston and past the second feed station at Nenthead to its summit at 1998 feet at Black Hill before returning via Allendale and some refreshing descents. The shorter 60km route cut short the diversion north of Hadrian's Wall and found its way back to the village via Whitfield and Staward, a slightly less challenging but no less scenic alternative.

The day itself arrived with glorious sunshine which saw a queue of entrants eager to sign on snaking out of the library into Church Street well before the 8.30am start time. Riders were started at intervals in groups to help minimise the effect on normal traffic, and while waiting to start could avail themselves of refreshment facilities in the Methodist Church, kindly opened for the morning to help welcome our guests. A short time later and everything went quiet for a while – but not for too long.

The first riders back from the 60km route were back by 11.30am, with the fastest from the 100km route not far behind, arriving at around 12.20pm. Once the speediest types had been back a while, the rest of the entrants began arriving in greater numbers, keen to get out of the saddle and collapse on the sun-warmed grass. On their return, each rider had to hand in their timing chip in exchange for a goody bag containing a souvenir water bottle, a good range of village leaflets, and a £4 voucher which could be spent at pubs and eating places around the village. It seemed as if the sunshine and the smells wafting across the Station Yard persuaded many of them to go for the on-site Hog Roast, and a picnic atmosphere prevailed until, refreshed and recuperated, they gradually made their way back to their cars for the journey home.

All the participants were fulsome in their praise for both the event and the village, quoting the high standard of organisation, the friendliness of the welcome they received from all they encountered, the quality and scenery of the routes themselves, and particularly the tastiest flapjacks they had ever come across, lovingly prepared by volunteer helpers and served at the two feed stations.

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**Gillian McGill receives the Dundee Heritage Award on behalf of her grandfather and former Haydonian George Anderson**



## A VIEW FROM UP THERE ....

John Harrison

Driving along a country lane I came across a large sign NO FLY TIPPING in the middle of nowhere. First of all I couldn't possibly collect sufficient flies to warrant making the special journey to dump them, or perhaps I was being instructed not to give flies a tip. This raises the question as to what service they provide that could possibly warrant my giving them a tip. I noticed, however, that some kind soul had provided a nice mattress for them to lie on.

The end of May saw the arrival of some warmer weather, and with it the flies, ample food for the swallows, martins and swifts, but over the 31 days this was another quite cold spring month bringing to a close one of the coldest spring seasons for 50 yrs across the UK. Crops in fields and gardens were slow to make a start on the growing season. Despite what the rainfall total for the month suggests, most of May was relatively dry except for three very wet days. The weather was dominated by cold polar air with frequent cloud cover. Conditions were generally unsettled with showers and sunny intervals. Daytime temperatures were relatively low, being below the long-term average on 24 days, and reaching only a cold 7.0 deg C on the 15th. A moderate breeze introduced an extra wind-chill element which made it feel raw at times. The presence of a cloud cover reduced the risk of night frosts and although there were a few cold nights with ground frost, no air frosts were recorded. There were only two warm and sunny days, these being the 7th (21.0 degC) and the 31st (19.5 degC).

Rainfall was relatively slight for much of the month and in the cold polar air it fell as snow pellets or small hail on a few occasions. Of the month's total of 75.5 mm, 56.7 mm fell on three very wet days, the 17th, 18th and 20th. Particularly heavy and persistent rain began to fall late on the 17th and continued to fall for much of the 18th. Over the two days 45.1 mm of rain was recorded and serious flooding occurred on the 18th. In Haydon Bridge the South Tyne rose as far as the subway but the level began to drop later in the afternoon. Large amounts of debris were also washed out on to roads. This was the wettest period since May 2012. (Remarkably by the end of the month the South Tyne was running very low indeed). Whether or not a river floods depends on a large number of factors, but here in Haydon Bridge it depends on what is happening rain-wise in the upper parts of the catchment, the intensity of the rainfall, and how much of this rainfall the ground can absorb.

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
May	13.7	-1.6	5.5	-0.6	75.5	149

And finally, **Gladys** tells me of a friend who runs a posh hotel on the south coast and which was hosting an international chess congress. One evening the winners of the various competitions were being extremely noisy in the reception area of the hotel so her friend had to ask them to leave because he couldn't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer. **And** did you hear about the Buddhist monk who refused to have anaesthetic when he went to the dentist because he wanted to transcend dental medication.

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**The Haydon Hundred** was organised by the Development Trust as part of its remit to support local businesses and raise the profile of Haydon Bridge as a tourist destination. First impressions are that it has certainly succeeded in attracting over 200 people, largely from some distance away, who will certainly look on the village in a new light and will hopefully return to explore further in their own time now they know what the village and surroundings have to offer. An additional benefit has been that it has raised a modest surplus which will help towards library running costs in the future. None of the above would have been possible without help from a range of dedicated volunteers and supporters, and great thanks are due to all who helped stage the event. This includes the event sponsors who helped cover costs and provide services, local businesses who offered discounts and participated in the voucher scheme, the Methodist Church who opened their doors early in the morning to provide facilities to the cyclists, the High School, without whose parking space we could not have accommodated so many visitors, and of course the volunteers who helped plan and run the event, both before and on the day. We hope that they can all do their bit again on 7th June 2014, when the Haydon Hundred is planned to run for a second time, hopefully with equal success.

**For news, sponsors, route details, rider timings and to keep up with progress on next year's event, visit:**

[www.haydonhundred.co.uk](http://www.haydonhundred.co.uk)

**Here's to next year!**



Left: David Tait, Lucy Tait, Jack Tait and Melba Wain are ready for the off on the inaugural Haydon Hundred cycle ride.

Below Left: Thomas Stephenson and his team prepare the Hog Roast for their return.



Before and After



### DAYTIME EVENTS DURING THE 'PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL' – 13th July-20th July

During the week of the 'Performing Arts Festival' why not try some of the daytime activities.

On **Tuesday 16th**, following lunch, at 2-3pm in the **General Havelock**, there is an Old-Time Sing-a-Long with Johnny Handle. It is advisable to book at the General Havelock if you require lunch. (01434 684376)

On **Wednesday 17th** and **Thursday 18th** from 2-4pm '**The Bridge**' Library and the **Methodist Church** will be open for a chance to see the village archives and to explore days gone by over a cup of tea or coffee. The **Community Centre** will host Face Painting Competitions for younger ones on **Saturdays 13th** and **20th** from 10am-12noon.

All the above events are free, but donations would be welcomed.

At '**The Bridge**' Library there are two mornings for young children and their accompanying adults and two for the not so young, i.e. over 18!

**Tuesday 16th July** 'My Favourite Poem', bring along a poem to share or just listen to others, 10am-12noon.

**Wednesday 17th July** 'Story time with Actions', stories for 2-5 year olds, 10.30-11.30am.

**Thursday 18th July** 'Nonsense Poems of Lewis Carroll and Edward Lear', for 2-5 year olds, 10.30-11.30am.

**Friday 19th July** 'One Act Play Reading', come and take part or listen to some short humorous plays, 10am-12noon.

As 'The Bridge' has limited space it is advisable to book a place at £2, ask at 'The Bridge' (688658), Eileen Charlton (684505), or Averil Harrison (684994).

For the full programme see [www.getittogethersociety.co.uk](http://www.getittogethersociety.co.uk) or 'The Get It Together Society' on Facebook.

Tickets for events are available from Claire's Newsagents, 'The Bridge' Library, some individual venues or contact Ian on 07872196992.

Tickets may also be booked online by email: [getittogethersociety@gmail.com](mailto:getittogethersociety@gmail.com).

## Haydon Bridge Pharmacy Update

### The Impact Your Cigarette Smoke Can Have On Others

Second hand smoke is a complex mixture of gases and chemicals, emitted every time someone smokes, and includes over 4000 chemical compounds, irritants and toxins, including 50 which are known to cause cancer.

Over 80% of cigarette smoke is invisible and opening windows and doors does not remove its effects. Residual matter from smoking, including toxins, builds up on surfaces, skin and furnishings where smoking has taken place.

Second hand smoke is dangerous for anyone exposed to it, but children are especially vulnerable. Children's faster breathing means they take in proportionally more toxins per body weight. Children tend to have more hand to mouth contact increasing the amount of toxins from smoke that they swallow.

Toxicity tests show children's exposure is driven by parents being smokers and parental attitude to smoking in home. The risk of exposure is highest in homes and cars in that order.

Second hand smoke results in 300,000 GP visits and 9500 hospital visits every year.

If you could see what was in smoke you would not smoke. Second hand smoke contains tar, arsenic, benzene, cadmium, formaldehyde, polonium-210, chromium, butadiene, acrolein, acetone, ammonia, stearic acid, methanol, hexamine, naphthalene, hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides.

If you want to minimise exposing your loved ones to these toxic chemicals there are several things you can do:-

#### **Ideally stop smoking.**

This will improve your health as well as that of your loved ones.

**Have a smoke free house.** Only smoke outside the house even if there is no one else in the house at the time. If you are smoking outside move at least seven paces away from the door to reduce the chances of smoke filtering back into the house.

#### **Have a smoke free car**

If you would like any help and advice on the next step to stop smoking or on how to minimise the effects of second hand smoke please call into Haydon Bridge pharmacy where the team and our NHS stop smoking advisers will be happy to help you.

T.Mc.

## The Bridge and Visitor Information Point

### **Summer Reading Challenge 2013:**

This year's National Reading Challenge for the children aged 4 – 11 years is about to be launched! It begins on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July and ends on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. The last date to join the Challenge is Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August. In this way, we hope to work around family holidays.

"Creepy House" is the theme which, I'm sure, will be very popular! As always, each child will be given a poster to record the six books that they read from their library: two books per visit for three visits, as well as a bookmark and stickers.

The stickers reveal who is in the Creepy House - "The Awful Upstairs", "The Gruesome Ground Floor" and "The Spine-tingling Cellar"!

Children – watch out at school for information AND ask at the Bridge.

### **Haydon Hundred:**

The Bridge had the privilege of being the starting point for what I can only describe as a really great cycle event. There were over 240 entrants from all over the country and I spotted Spanish and Scandinavian entrants too. It was fun to be part of the registration of the cyclists and to take part in their good humour and camaraderie. The queue of entrants seemed endless and then, all of a sudden, they were gone and the Haydon Hundred was off to an efficient start with even the guard in the signal box working alongside the organisers, to give a safe and smooth traverse over the level crossing. It was a perfect day weather-wise with the result that newcomers to the area saw West Northumberland at its very best and many expressed just that opinion. A truly successful day!

### **Performing Arts Festival:**

During July, the Bridge is supporting the Get It Together Society by providing space in the library for some of the activities of the Performing Arts Week:

<b>Tuesday, 16th July</b>	<b>My Favourite Poem</b>	<b>10.00am – 12 noon</b>
<b>Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Storytelling</b>	<b>10:30am-11:30 am</b>
<b>Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Nonsense Poems</b>	<b>10:30am-11:30am</b>
<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>One Act Play Reading</b>	<b>10:00am-12noon</b>

In addition, the Methodist Chapel and the Bridge Archives have pooled resources to mount a Memorabilia Exhibition in the Chapel on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm until 4.00pm.

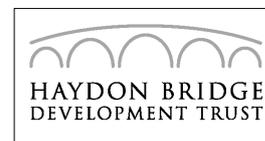
### **The Bridge Summer Hours:**

As usual at this time of year, there will be extra opening hours at the Bridge on Thursdays from 1.00pm until 4.00pm, from the beginning of the school summer holidays.

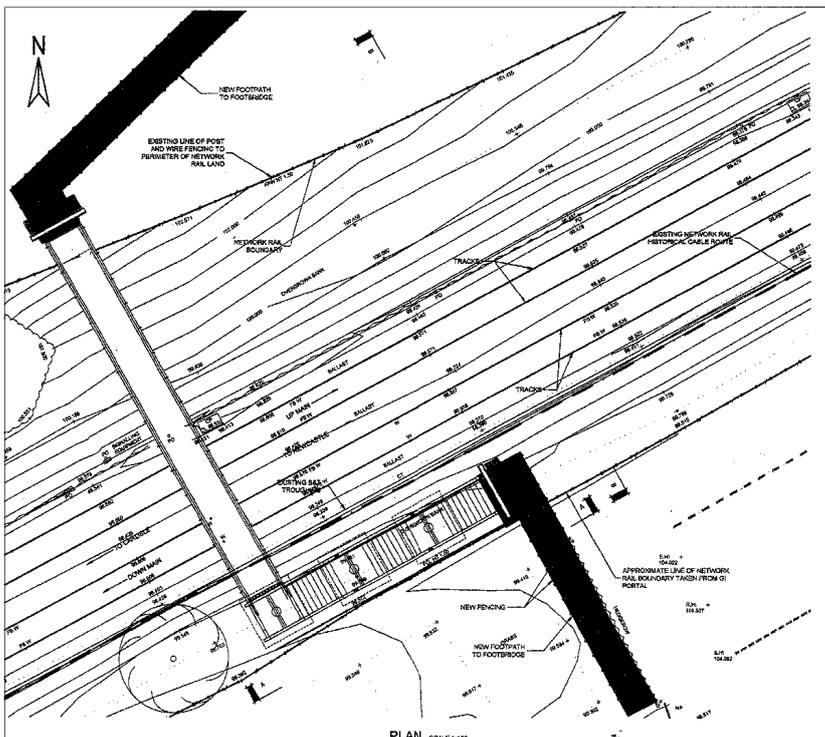
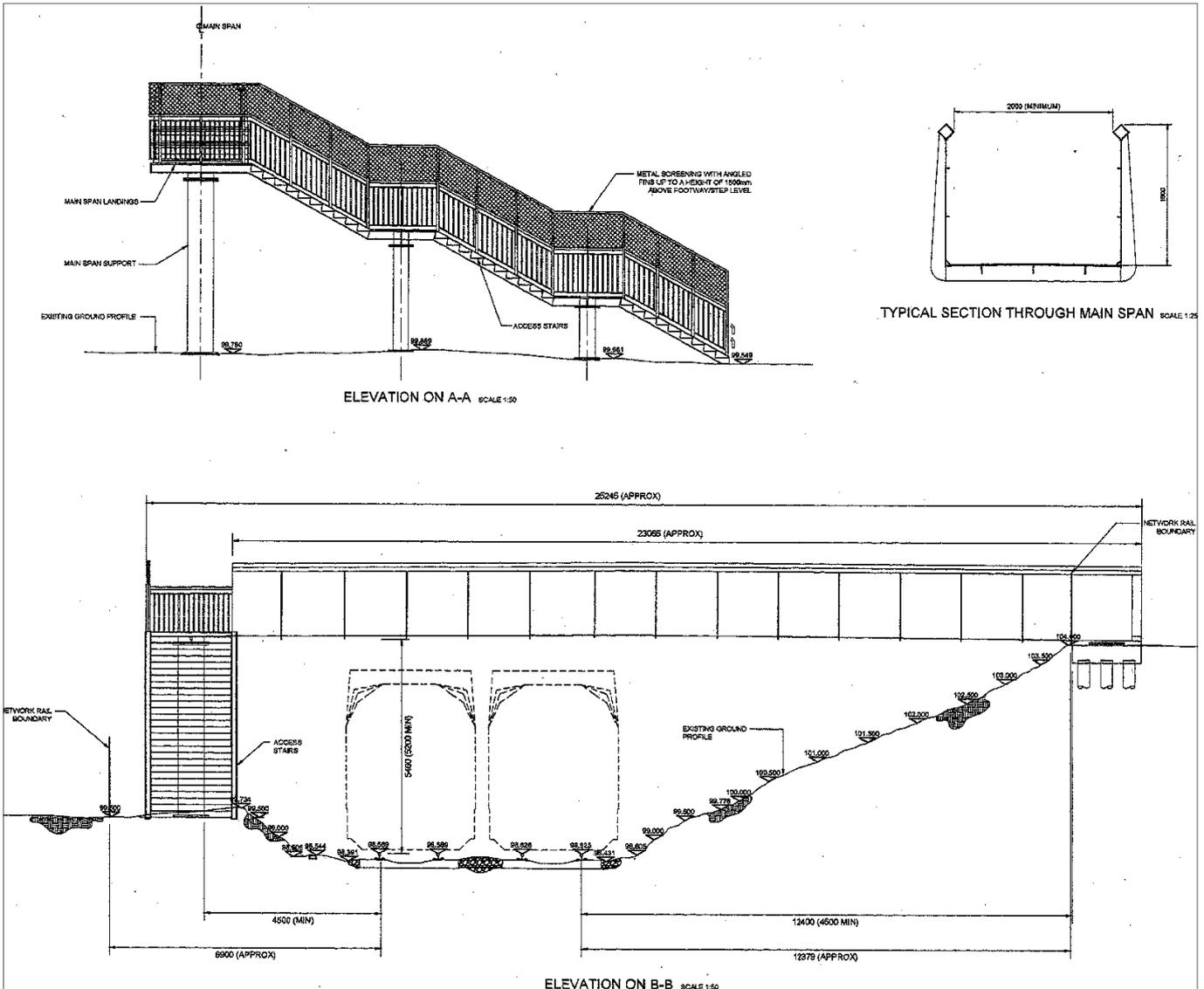
Friday's times will revert to 4.00pm-6:30pm.

Happy reading ...

Pat Snowdon



# NETWORK RAIL'S PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE AT GREENWICH GARDENS



Some dimensions.....

the total length of the proposed bridge is 26.25 metres (about 85 feet);

the height of the bridge above the railway line is 5.46 metres (about 18 feet)

the bridge span is 2 metres wide (6ft 7in) and the height of the sides 1.8metres (5ft 11in)





## **HAYDON PARISH COUNCIL**

This group of councillors came into office after the Local Government elections on May 2nd. As there were only 11 nominations for the 11 places on the Council, no election was held for Haydon Parish Council.

Back row: Richard Snowdon, Ida Burrows, Joanna Thompson, Graham Young, Mike Parkin, Ed Brown

Front row: Melanie Hurst, Carole McGivern (Clerk to the Council), Esmond Faulks (chairman), Eileen Charlton (vice-chair), and Vera Fletcher.

One councillor, Simon Walker, is not pictured as he was unable to attend the meeting

### **PROPOSED FOOTBRIDGE AT GREENWICH GARDENS.**

This proposed footbridge is part of Network Rail's national campaign to close all footpath level crossings of railway lines and replace them with footbridges. Network Rail owns the land on which the bridge will be constructed.

The southern end of the footbridge will lead to the grassed area next to the parking lay by in Greenwich Gardens. (See photograph). The northern end of the footbridge will terminate towards the top of the bank on the north side of the railway line and have a rising path connecting with the existing public footpath. Network Rail will have to get a public footpath diversion order to close the existing path from the end of Hordley Acres across the rail track.

The path is used by some High School students from the Estates as well as walkers heading for Peelwell and points north. At a meeting with Network Rail a group of Parish Councillors expressed some concerns about the siting of the bridge next to the parking lay by in Greenwich Gardens. Further concerns were raised about

children possibly playing on the bridge.

Some councillors felt that as the current foot crossing is out of sight it doesn't attract the attention of children looking for somewhere to play, unlike the bridge. On the other hand it could be argued that because the bridge can be seen children are less likely to mess about on it.

It should be stressed that these are just proposals and have not been agreed. Network Rail will need to submit a planning application to build the bridge and to divert the route of the path over the bridge. The Parish Council and people living close to the site will be invited to comment on the final proposals and these comments will be considered by the NCC West Planning Committee when it meets to consider the application.

It was suggested by one councillor that it may be possible to keep the existing crossing but have a lock on the gate that would be activated when the crossing barriers on Church Street were lowered. More on this issue when the planning application is submitted.

MP

Haydon Bridge  
Performing Arts Festival  
**Memorabilia Display**  
2pm-4pm on Wednesday, 17th &  
Thursday 18th July  
at the Methodist Church.  
All welcome, refreshments  
available.

If anyone has anything they would like to be included in this display, please ring either Ethel 684523, Patsy 684482 or Kathleen 684483.  
**All items must be clearly marked with the owners name so they can be returned after the event.**

### **JULY IS BALSAM BASH MONTH.**

Four dates for Balsam Bashers' diary.....

***Monday, July 1st 6pm-8pm  
Meet at the Picnic Area***

***Saturday, July 6th 2pm-6pm  
Meet at the Picnic Area***

***Wednesday, July 10th 6pm-8pm  
meet at the Picnic Area***

***Sunday 21st July 2pm-6pm  
Meet at the Football Field***

Contact Barbara for all River Watch events 01434 688886

## Parish Council Notes continued from page 4.

The Parish Council is to help the Community Association in the purchase of the solar panels for the Community Centre.

### AoB

Work on clearing the north and west sides of the cemetery is now almost complete. The Council was asked if it wanted a gate put in the fence at the south west corner of the cemetery, to ease access for the machinery required to prepare and landscape the southern area. It was suggested that the overgrown trees/shrubs along the western border of the cemetery be coppiced.

The laburnum tree at the eastern end of the new bridge, close to the topiary shrubs, is giving some parents cause for concern as children had been seen playing with the seed pods. As all parts of a laburnum are poisonous, but particularly the seeds, it was questioned whether this was an appropriate tree for a public place. The NCC arboriculturalist is to be consulted.

It was reported to NCC that the lime tree growing in the pavement near the north end of the old bridge needs crown lifting along with several trees overhanging into Church Street.

£90,00 has been allocated to the West Northumberland Community Chest for this financial year. This money is for use by local voluntary groups to fund projects/events/schemes. Groups need to apply to NCC.

A broken gate on the riverside path footpath from the Anchor Hotel was reported to the Footpaths Officer.

### Planning applications

Rear extension to enlarge porch and provide garden room at South View House, North Bank.

Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey sun porch to the front of Tiki Cottage, 2, Whittis Road, Haydon Bridge.

No objections were raised concerning these applications.

**The next meeting is on Thursday, 25th July at 7.30pm in Haydon Bridge Community Centre**

MP

## Haydon Bridge Development Trust

The Haydon Bridge Development Trust's most recent meeting took place on June 4th. Most of the business related to the development of cycling tourism in and around the village. The new cycling routes and the information leaflet had been 'launched' on May 6th and were proving to be popular. The main cycling event, the **Haydon Hundred**, was to take place on June 8th and more than 200 entries had been received. Any money raised by the event would help to support the work of the local village library. A number of organisations had been very helpful in supporting the event and a number of volunteers had come forward to help on the day. The meeting noted that the programme for the **Haydon Bridge Performing Arts Festival** July 13th-20th had been finalised and looked forward to welcoming visitors attending the various events. The **Diamond Jubilee Tree** had now been installed in Church Street in a specially constructed new flower bed.

*John Harrison (Meetings Secretary)*

## HAYDON BRIDGE CARPET BOWLS CLUB

BOWLS club members swapped carpets for tables when they hosted a coffee morning at the community centre. Sandra Brough, Carole Tranter and Ellen Davies teamed up to organise the event, which was well supported by bowlers and other villagers.

They baked a delicious selection of cakes and pastries which were quickly snapped up by eager buyers, and the coffee morning was a tremendous success, raising just over £75 in aid of the Bowls Club.

This was a fantastic effort by the ladies, which is greatly appreciated and the money raised will be put to good use in the near future.

The Bowls Club is continuing to prepare for its annual jamboree competition, which will take place at the end of July.

Clubs from across the North East have entered teams. Our plea in last month's Haydon News for raffle prizes has thus far gone unanswered.

However, there is still time. If you would like to donate a prize, either as a business or as an individual, please contact club secretary Joseph Tulip on 07534 214 365.

## THE HAYDON BRIDGE GOLF SOCIETY

The Haydon Bridge Golf Society enjoyed an excellent day at Bellingham on 8th June (at the second attempt). 15 players were due to play on 18th May for the spring outing but Mother Nature decided it was not to be, so she closed the course with torrential rain, hailstones and thunder and lightning. She obviously thought we deserved the best of conditions and blessed us with a gloriously hot sunny day with the gentlest of breezes on our re-arranged visit.

Numbers were reduced because of other commitments and 9 players teed off.

Strangely enough the men seemed unable to cope with perfect conditions but yours truly managed to struggle on, coming in a winner with 39 points with Steven Newman in second place with 33 points.

The longest drive and nearest the pin were both won by Joseph Tulip.

Participating were Joseph Tulip, David Tulip, Steven Newman, John Craig, Craig Stanners, Ray Richardson, David Coxon, John Carr and Joyce Gilbertson.

The outing for 'The Claret Jug' will take place in August. Details are available from the Haydonian Club or ring Joyce on 07983 566 901.

The Golf Club also hosted two quiz nights and a raffle, the proceeds of which were donated to the Haydon Bridge Playgroup and Tiny Tots.

*Joyce Gilbertson*

## 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

# JULY 2013

## CHURCH PAGE



### 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

7th July  
10.00am Joint Service

14th July  
*10.00am Deanery Service at  
Hexham Abbey*

21th July  
11.00am Communion Service

28th July  
*10.00am Joint Service at  
Henshaw*

4th August  
11.00am BCP Communion

### METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

### BELTINGHAM/HENSHAW CHURCH SERVICES

7th July  
10.00am Morning Worship  
Valerie Anthony  
6.00pm Communion Service  
Rev Les Hann

14th July  
10.00am Family Service  
Rev Les Hann  
6.00pm United Service  
at Corbridge for Rev Les Hann  
and Supt Stephen Caddy leaving

21th July  
10.00am Readers Service  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Will Hopkins

28th July  
10.00am Morning Service  
Bob McAlpin  
6.00pm Evening Service  
Father Leo Pyle

4th August  
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Lesley Saxon  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
Rev Terry Hurst

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9.30am BCP Communion

### HAYDON OLD CHURCH SERVICES

**28th July**  
**6.00pm Evensong**

### Messy Church

**10th July**  
**3.30pm to 5.45pm**  
**at the Methodist Church**  
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# NOTICES & WHAT'S ON?

## Open Garden at GEESWOOD HOUSE Whittis Road, Haydon Bridge

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#### HAYDON ART CLUB

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July 18th Harsondale Clough Circular walk 3.5 miles

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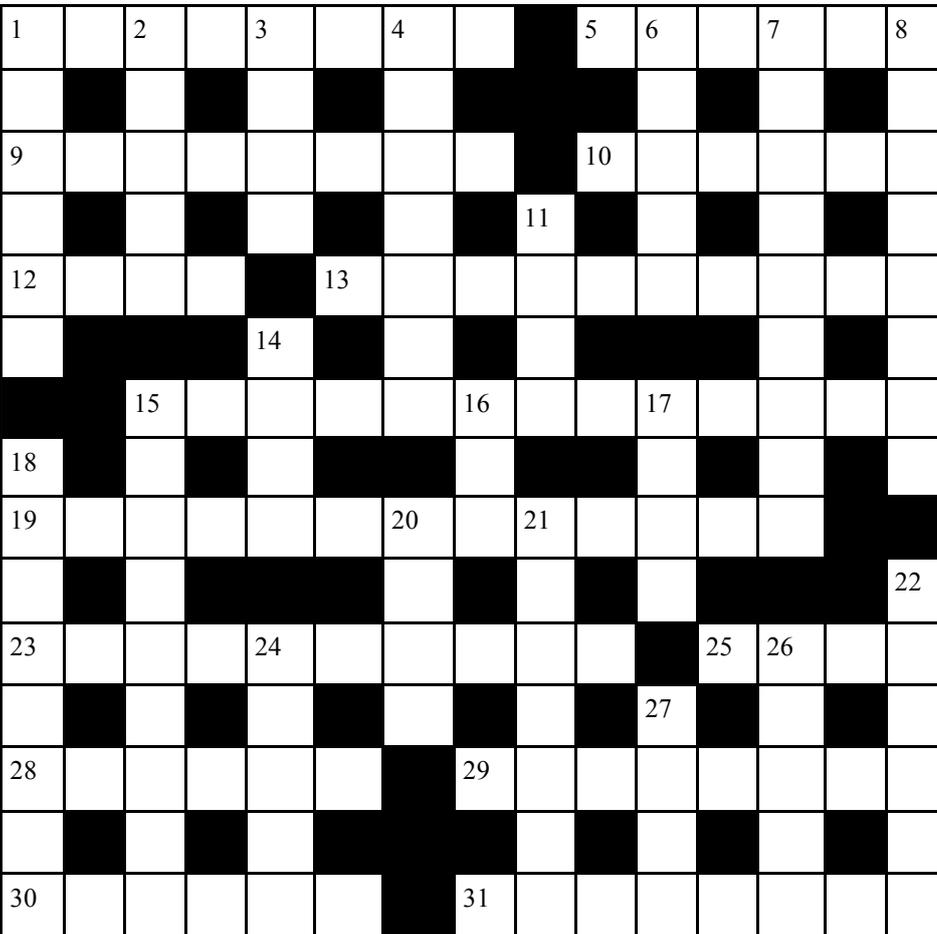
Walk leader Anne Carter 01434 684856

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secretary(01434 606173) Please come properly equipped with  
hiking boots and waterproofs and car share where possible.

## The £10 Crossword

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....



### ACROSS

1. Equality with sharp weapon for common speech.(8)
5. Honest-tin acted!(6)
9. Mixed-up deaf go and diminish.(4,4)
10. The French dropped off camisole, it went to pieces.(6)
12. Club back in neither UK nor Ireland. (4)
13. Red wish has changed the kitchen appliance.(10)
15. Jumper next to sports area makes for rough justice.(8,5)
19. Overhaul of rickety engine gives dynamic power.(7,6)
23. Does he deal in chess pieces?(10)
25. Look intently at different rope.(4)
28. It's clear there's a little devil in cover.(6)

29. A fine, level America is divine inspiration.(8)
30. Guard is not the north way in.(6)
31. Spotless and hacked but sharply outlined.(5,3)

### DOWN

1. This bird is endlessly smoking!(6)
2. Set part of radionuclide.(5)
3. Shearer is in on the balancing act. (4)
4. Russian empress in a car round unknown quantity.(7)
6. Hear a gypsy being niffy?(5)
7. The dud Tay could be a tax.(5,4)
8. One acted to adorn.(8)
11. Trembled , lost potassium, so be off with you.(4)

## SOLUTIONS TO JUNE'S CROSSWORD. (83)

### Across

- 1 Nickname
- 5 Psycho
- 9 Crispate
- 10 Sparky
- 12 Apprehender
- 15 Ionia
- 17 Timorsome
- 18 Therefore
- 19 Tiger
- 20 Disobedient
- 24 Rodney
- 25 Cadillac
- 26 Shortly
- 27 Eschewed

### Down

- 2 Chimpanzee
- 3 Nappe
- 4 Mother Teresa
- 6 Superbrat
- 7 Cork
- 8 Onyx
- 9 Chariots
- 11 Edamame beans
- 13 Long Fellow
- 14 Neurotic
- 16 Amendment
- 21 Drith
- 22 Urns
- 23 Eddo

### NUMBER OF ENTRIES

**7 (all correct)**

### THIS MONTH'S WINNER

**Trevor Corbett**

14. Left out of the dark, becomes one. (4)
15. Half kick awful snowman's blood relative.(9)
16. Might these eggs propel the boat?(3)
17. Incur debt including dairy product. (4)
18. Pike loss could help you move on snow.(3,5)
20. Company alright for explorer.(4)
21. Refundable - no bar for what's required.(7)
22. Comfort in the races - it's all part of the service.(3,3)
24. Prickly pipe.(5)
26. An eye to measure spirits.(5)
27. Biting insect to audibly run from. (4)

### Entries in before SATURDAY,

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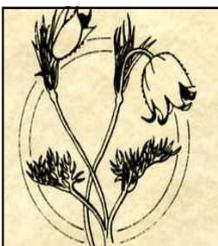
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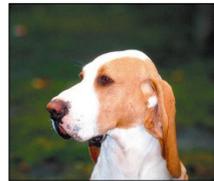


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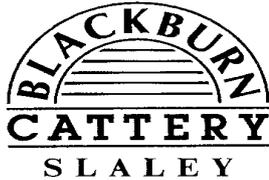
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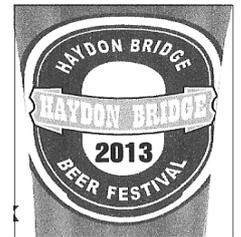
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