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EDITORIAL

Welcome to our 2014 version of The Haydon News. As you will see, we are continuing to make adjustments to the design and layout of the magazine. All feedback is welcome — let us know what you think.

Dennis Telford begins the story of the Haydon Bridge Co-op this month. Mutuality and self help have much to commend them, especially in rural areas — we need to use or we may lose our local services. **Wherever possible support local businesses.**

I am delighted to report that The Co-op has contributed £2,000.00 to the **Community Centre Solar Panel Fund**. By the time this edition of The Haydon News is delivered the installation may have begun. Other major contributors include Cllr. Alan Sharp and the Parish Council. A plaque listing contributors will be put up in the Community Centre in due course.

This month we have a number of **new advertisers**. I am encouraging advertisers to produce short (400 words) articles about their businesses for publication. The intention is to allow readers to have a greater understanding of the range of goods and services available locally. If any advertiser wanted to contribute occasional articles, that would be welcome too.

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The Friends of Haydon Bridge, the organisation that runs the publication, is open to all residents of the parish and we would welcome new members. Joining The Friends does not involve any obligations but does offer the opportunity to add your support and influence to the organisation.

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My thanks go to those who have already contributed pieces to the magazine—essays, poems, pictures, club reports and so on. Please keep it up. Perhaps the young people in the parish would like to join in too.

Fingers crossed for an excellent 2014 for all.

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Notes from the meeting of 23rd January 2014 with references to earlier meetings, in November and December 2013.

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Fireworks.

Two members of the village's Get it Together Society (GITS) attended and declared the group's interest in organising a fireworks display for New Year's Eve.

They said the display would take place on the Old Bridge and would be a thank you to villagers who have contributed to the group's activities so far.

The GITS have approached specialist firms who would supply materials and carry out the display, and have received price quotations.

Issues relating to road closures, exclusion zones and insurance will also be explored.

Cllr. Charlton, who was involved with the previous fireworks display for the Millennium expressed concerns that another event would dilute the memory of the event 13 years ago, which was something of a "one off."

However, the GITS' representatives said any new display would not rival anything which had taken place in the past, and that many youngsters today would not remember what happened at the turn of the century.

They said a new display would bring people together for a village event, in the same way as the scouts' former bonfire did in the past.

Housing.

Peter Fletcher of Haydon Bridge Development Trust attended following recent concerns about housing in the village, with some local people finding it difficult to find a property in the Haydon Bridge area.

Mr. Fletcher has connections with a housing association in Cumbria and is keen to share his experience with the parish council in a bid to improve the situation.

He will meet with Cllr. Charlton in the first instance, to discuss a way forward.

Warm front.

Councillors raised no objections to a planning application from a Church Street resident, for a proposed stainless steel flue to the front elevation to allow a wood burning stove to be added internally.

Church bells.

While the church clock is keeping time, Cllr. Charlton said the hourly chime is exceptionally quiet at the moment, although it is still technically chiming.

Cllr. Dave Thornhill said the parochial church council had been in touch with the relevant specialists, and that the problem will be examined.

Speed limit.

Back in November, the parish council revealed plans to reduce the speed limit on Lands End Road from 30mph to 20mph in the interests of safety.

However, a letter received from Northumberland County Council at January's meeting cast some doubt on the possible change.

Despite support for the scheme from police neighbourhood inspector Kevin Oates, the county council stated that because it was a "through road" it does not meet county council policy for a 20mph speed limit.

Cllr. David Robson said that this response was unacceptable, and that county councillor Alan Sharp has asked the highways department to consider the application again.

Fly tipping.

Concerns expressed from a Lipwood resident were noted, about the fly tipping of wood, glass and other materials, including tents, along the side of the A69 and hedges in the Lipwood area. Concerns were also raised about "obvious signs of drug use" among the debris.

Cllr. Thornhill said the police should be made aware of this, and said officers may be keen to carry out an environmental inspection in conjunction with the local authority, looking at issues including litter and graffiti.

Pot holes.

Cllr. Charlton said there were two poor stretches of road near Plunderheath which need urgent attention.

Concerns were raised about the local authority prioritising major routes, when so-called minor roads provided vital access to properties. People in the village were encouraged to report pot holes.

Roadsweeper.

It was reported that the county council roadsweeper was present in the estate on the morning of Sunday Dec 29.

While residents are pleased to see their streets being cleaned, the timing of the work, at 9am during the holiday period, was questioned by some.

Light pollution.

There was a lively discussion on street lights, and the possibility of all lights being replaced with new ones which face entirely downwards, instead of partially illuminating the sky. Councillors agreed this was an opportunity to review street lights in the parish and establish priorities.

Solar panels.

In December, the parish council had no objection to Haydonian Social Club's retrospective planning permission for the installation of solar panels.

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Philip Larkin.

Cllr. Robson noted that the Philip Larkin Society is in support of a proposal for a Blue Plaque outside the house on Ratcliffe Road, where the nationally acclaimed poet spent time between the 1960s and 1980s.

The scheme is progressing and if all goes to plan, the plaque could arrive in the village early in the summer.

War memorial.

The council has received a complaint from a former councillor, stating that the war memorial's bayonet is rusty.

It was noted that the bayonet was repaired temporarily for Remembrance Sunday last November, but now councillors are looking at more long term solutions. This will also look at overall maintenance of the memorial.

Christmas lights.

Collection boxes for the Christmas lights project raised £442.93p. Cllr. Faulkes thanked Mrs. Brown and her team of helpers for their efforts, and said the money paid for the costs of the display. Contributions of £30 were made to the Anchor Hotel for electricity, and £20 to Shaftoe Young Farmers to cover their lunch expenses while helping to put up the lights.

School success.

Cllr. Brown reported that Haydon Bridge High School has done "exceptionally well" with A-level results and "very well" with GCSE results. He said it has been named as one of the top 100 schools nationally for vocational training.

The Sill.

During the December meeting, representatives of the proposed visitor centre on Hadrian's Wall near Bardon Mill, gave a presentation about the project.

At a cost of £11.2m, the Sill would be a purpose built state-of-the-art project which would create local jobs and also bring tourism to the area. The parish council gave its full support.

Buses.

The parish council continues to keep a dossier of all problems relating the 685 bus service. Two further examples of unreliable services were discussed during December's meeting, and the public were again urged to report problems to councillors.

Modification Order.

Cllr. Robson told December's meeting that the county council has accepted an application for Park Style Lane to become an official footpath, following concerns about cars blocking pedestrian access.

Core strategy.

Concerns were raised during December's meeting about Northumberland County Council's core strategy, which has earmarked 200 houses for the west end of Haydon Bridge, and also as an extension to the Showfield. Councillors said the homes would not meet the needs of the village, which would become a commuter belt.

What would we have done without ‘the Store’?

The Store - or to give it its correct title: The Haydon Bridge Co-operative Industrial Society Limited - on Shaftoe Street was as much a part of my young Haydon Bridge life as Bobby Todd’s broken biscuits, Mrs Barron’s brown bread and black bullets, Roy Rogers and Roy of the Rovers, and Shaftoe Trust School and short trousers - to name but a few. And, come to think of it, those short trousers along with cap, shirt, jumper, socks and sensible leather shoes were all from upstairs in the Store. From Willum (was it William?) Waugh’s Drapery Department.

Unlike the hustle and bustle downstairs, where village folk met to shop for groceries, enquire about other folks’ well being - or unwell being - and hear the news of the day from Charlie, Mop and Ozzie behind the counter, I recall upstairs as being in a different world.

Leaving the hubbub of general noise, gossip and laughter behind, it seemed to me I had to tiptoe quietly upstairs and into Willum’s emporium, where the atmosphere was akin to a library, in comparison to that of the Central Station at rush hour on the floor below.

The hush in the Drapery Department on the first floor was broken only by the gentle sounds of Miss Lee, Muriel Armstrong or Miss Ridley in the far corner, carefully arranging the fine goods that had arrived from the wholesalers that morning, or dealing with the intimacies contained in recently acquired boxes of ladies lingerie.

I whisper my request for a pair of laces for my football boots.

It's quiet. I'm on my own with Muriel and Jean.

Incidentally, why were 1950s football boot laces always white or cream coloured? After ten minutes in the glue pots that were goalmouths at Low Hall Park, laces the colour of mud would have been more appropriate. And another thing; it's unlikely that today's young footballers will believe that the laces were long enough to make a short clothes line and were sold with instructions on how to tie them.

'Thread through the eyelets and wrap at least twice tightly round the body of the boot and under the sole. Cross the lace diagonally at the front and continue binding at least twice round the leather ankle support tying in a double bow. Take care to turn the tongue of the boot down over the lace to ensure the laces and knots do not divert the direction of the leather ball when it is kicked.'

Fortunately, one of the ladies in the ‘far corner’ was one of Haydon Bridge Football Club’s best supporters and was sure to know all about tying football boot laces. I can imagine her interview for the sought after position at the Co-op:

“..... if required, would you be able to instruct our customers on how to fasten their football boot laces Miss Ridley?”

“Of course Sir. I am a regular follower of the Robins.”

“In that case, the job is yours. You kick off at eight o’clock on Monday morning.”

No one else is listening.

Downstairs, you knew everybody was listening!

I am reminded at this point of a tale told - tongue in cheek - by Maurice Armstrong, which relates to his interview in September 1940 for the position of Apprentice to the Grocery Department at Haydon Bridge Co-operative Society.

Master Armstrong was successful in competition for the post along with another two local lads, Jack Young of Langley Villa and Ralph Pickering of East Deanraw, and he went on to work for the Co-op at Haydon Bridge for twenty five years.

Co-operative records of the day show that Master Armstrong received all the votes from the committee members on the appointment panel in 1940.

In later years when asked why he thought he had been so successful, Maurice is quick to reply:

‘They asked me how many ounces there were in a pound. I told them there was fourteen and they said: “You’re just the man for the job!” ’

p.s. To our young readers brought up with the metric system, your parents or grandparents will have to explain the punch line.

I’m quite sure that a sense of humour was a prerequisite for any member of staff in the Haydon Bridge Store of the 1940s, 50s and 60s. As it was for their customers by the way! I am sure that former Haydon Bridge resident Miss Pearce would vouch for that if she was still around.

Miss Pearce lived on Church Street and, when the Store had premises on Shaftoe Street and Ratcliffe Road, like many customers she shopped on both the north and south sides of the river.

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carrying a parcel from the Ratcliffe Road branch, to the shop on Shaftoe Street. Miss Pearce agreed and, once it was well wrapped, she delivered the parcel as requested to the south side. When asked to carry a return parcel from the south side to the north side branch, she again agreed to help out with the delivery and returned across the bridge with the parcel in her basket.

The same situation occurred the next day, and the next; and each time Miss Pearce carried out the favour without complaint.

How long this state of affairs continued I am unaware, I do know, however, thanks to confidential inside information from those present at the time, that the brown paper parcel Miss Pearce carried back and forth in her basket each day between the two Co-operative shops, contained nothing more valuable than the same single building brick!!

As I said; customers of the Haydon Bridge Co-op had to have a keen sense of humour.

This was a state of affairs not always appreciated by the Society committee, however.

For example:

In December 1938, Mr Bates the Store butchery manager and his apprentice, Edmund Charlton, were called before the committee after a complaint from Mrs Bowman of Temple Houses that when she asked for some liver, the apprentice had asked her:

“Do you want it fat or lean?”

The apprentice was asked to apologise to the committee for the remark and Mr Briggs, the chairman, informed Edmund that:

“This type of joke must cease.”

What a shame.

It was the camaraderie between staff and the special rapport with customers, that meant running messages to the Co-op for my mam was never a chore. Even when I was the butt of a joke or two.

“Cecil Telford's the best boxer in Haydon Bridge” Charlie would tell me.

It was news to me. I knew that Dad played football but had never heard he'd been a boxer!

Nor was he. But he was the village undertaker, following in the footsteps of his father.

Of course, as an innocent young lad, I wasn't yet privy to the innuendo woven into much of the saucy gossip with which I returned home from the Store. Fanciful notions from behind the counter at the Co-op that inevitably put a smile on my mam's face as she retorted:

“ Eeee mind! They'll say owt but their prayers in yon store.”

My own association with the co-operative movement was fashioned long before I was born. When Nancy Thompson - my mother - secured a position after leaving school, as a check girl at the Haltwhistle Co-operative.

An appointment at the Co-op was one to be accepted with great pride and in Miss Thompson's case, as with many before and since, she fulfilled her father's ambition by gaining employment in this democratic organisation established 'by the workers for the workers'.

The co-operatives were formed as a result of the downtrodden nineteenth century working man's sense of exploitation, and it was my coal miner grandfather's sense of injustice, against his coal owner employers, that led him and his family to develop close links with the socialist cause in Haltwhistle and district. Mr and Mrs Thompson were very proud when their daughter went to the Store to work.

It was no surprise, perhaps, that when my mother left the Haltwhistle Co-op in 1937, married and moved to Haydon Bridge to live, and I came along, the first number I learnt - even before Miss Davison and Miss Telfer taught me my two times table in the 'Dairy' at Shaftoe Trust School - was 777, my mam's Store number Never to be forgotten!

THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

"If only men would combine and share the work of production and wealth created by it, each giving and receiving according to his ability and his need, we should have a new heaven and a new earth."

This notion is attributed to Robert Owen, a Welsh social reformer born in 1771.

In 1844, Owen's ideals of co-operation were put into practice by the 'Rochdale Pioneers', when twenty eight men contributed a sovereign each, through their subscriptions of 2d per week, for the purpose of establishing a store at which the public as well as themselves might purchase general groceries and other articles of consumption at fair market prices.

The shop was opened and had unprecedented success when the people of Rochdale found that they were able to purchase cheaply at the little place and receive their share of the profits, or trading surplus, in the form of a dividend. The famous Co-op Dividend was up and running.

At the end of ten years, the Rochdale Co-operative had one thousand four hundred members and capital of £11,032. The principles of co-operation in retailing were established and were copied in towns and villages across the country and the foundations upon which the Co-operative Retail and Wholesale

Societies were built had been laid.

In 1885 the CWS was able to claim:

'In no part of the United Kingdom has more progress been made in Co-operative work than in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, where at least one third of the population purchase their requirements from the Co-operative Stores.'

While some of these stores were part of the (CWS) Co-operative Wholesale Society others, like the Haydon Bridge Co-operative in its early form, were independent societies set up by groups of similarly minded local people; owned by the members, who each held a share, and managed by a committee.

The independent Haydon Bridge Society was established in March 1875 and cannot, therefore, claim to have led the way in the development of co-operative retailing in the district.

Earlier 'local' stores already established included: Coanwood (1862), Stanhope (1865), Alston (1866), Haltwhistle and Greenhead (1868), Nenthead (1869), Halton le Gate (1873), West Wylam and Prudhoe (1871), Greenhead (1874) and Allendale (1874).

A Fourstones and Newbrough Society also existed before that of its near neighbour and in 1871 the miners who worked at Stonecroft and Greyside, and were shareholders, asked for a special meeting to consider opening a branch of their store at Haydon Bridge.

The proposal made by the mining shareholders' of the Fourstones and Newbrough Society wasn't pursued, and the Haydon Bridge Society opened their own independent store four years later.

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Part 1

When Jim and Jean Smith moved their Haydon Bridge antique business from Ratcliffe Road to the old Co-op building on Shaftoe Street, in 1975, they came across a number of dusty minute books and documents in the first floor office of the abandoned premises. These primary sources are invaluable in recalling the first fifty years of the Haydon Bridge Store.

It is thanks to Jim and Jean's care in tending these documents, that the evidence tracing the early history of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative and Industrial Society Limited is still available.

On Saturday March 20th 1875, William Lee, Thomas Lee, George Parker, Thomas Brown, Joseph Nevin, Thomas Dodd, Thomas Bell, Thomas

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Smith, Thomas Davidson and John Curnow met for the first committee meeting of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Industrial Society Ltd., of which we have a written minute.

Unlike most earlier Co-operatives, a manager was appointed from day one for the Haydon Bridge Society and on the same evening the committee was appointed - March 20th 1875 - at a Special General Meeting, chaired by Mr J. Harle and attended by the committee members and Joseph Vickers, John Bramwell, Thomas Holden, Thomas Wigham and J. Johnson, **Mr W.H. Batey of Catton was appointed as the Haydon Bridge Society's first manager, from March 27th 1875.**

An early reference to Haydon Bridge Co-op's history recalls that the first premises from which the Society did business was 'a cottage owned by Philip Greave at the west end of Ratcliffe Road'. On May 12th 1875, however, it was resolved in committee that the old Wesleyan Chapel on the south side of Ratcliffe Road (*A dwelling named Valley Veiw (sic) last time I looked, in 2013*) be purchased - even though the Society's solicitor pointed out the, 'defective state of the title deeds'.

The village Wesleyans had vacated this property as their chapel, on June 10th 1874, when it became too small and inconvenient and their new chapel was opened on the opposite side of Ratcliffe Road.

(This 'new' Wesleyan chapel was demolished and rebuilt in the year 2000 as the Haydon Bridge Community Centre. The Wesleyan congregation had joined together with the Primitive Methodists in their Church Street chapel, in 1946)

It seems that trading in the Ratcliffe Road Store commenced in May 1875; by which time Joseph Vickers and Joseph Bowman had been added to the Store committee, Mr Hetherington, the secretary, had been paid £2 for his time spent in establishing the Society and three shillings a week for the next six months; and the previous tenants had been removed from the property the Society owned.

Perhaps most importantly, for the members, the purchase of goods with which to trade between the first seventy one shareholders of the Society had been agreed:

Flour: 1/- per sack profit if removed by the purchasers from the Store; 1/2d if delivered and 1/- to be charged for each sack, to be returned on receiving back the said sack. Extra flour to be sold at 1/10d per stone.

One firkin of butter: 'From wherever the manager can get it.'

Epp's and Cadbury's Cocoa.

10 dozen paper collars.

An assortment of wools.

A supply of boots and slippers: at 2d in the shilling profit.

Clogs: 6d profit on women's, 3d on children's.

Yeast: ordered from Bell and Riddell, Hexham 'in such quantities the manager thinks best' and 'to be got on Mondays only in each week'.

Tea: purchased from Travers & Son, London at 2/2 per pound and retailed at 3/6d; and from Mr Tate, Yorkshire Tea at 2/-, retailing at 3/-.

20 stone of Barley for 17/-.

Scotch oatmeal.

One cwt of New Kidney potatoes.

1 ton of sugar at 24/- per cwt.

Half hundredweight of Newfoundland fish.

Yorkshire Hams: 9d per pound whole and 10d per pound cut.

Bacon 8d per pound.

A quantity of stationery to be retailed by the Society.

Soft and hard brushes for domestic purposes, retailed at 2d per shilling profit.

The manager to obtain a quantity of drapery goods and pottery goods of different sorts, and use his own judgement in the profits.

A supply of yarns was to be purchased from the cheapest market.

It was agreed by the committee that the manager, 'be authorised to raise or reduce prices of goods as seems fitting from the invoices'.

So there you have them: the goods the first Co-operative Society committee in Haydon Bridge decided to stock for its members in 1875.

Scoops and measures and a hammer and saw, necessary for the Store's use, were also purchased and 300 leaflets on 'Co-operation' were obtained for members and prospective members, from the Central Board of Co-operation in Manchester.

As an independent Store, the Haydon Bridge Society did not have to source its supplies from the Co-op Wholesale Society, but in June 1875 it was agreed that an order for three dozen hams be made to the CWS.

Unfortunately, this first trade was not successful and on June 19th the manager reported the bad state of these hams and sought recompense from the Wholesale Society.

Perhaps this experience was the reason the committee decided to abandon a proposal to seek a permanent connection with the CWS at that time.

Purchases continued to be made from local people.

For example; by September the manager was buying apples for sale from Lipwood and, on one occasion, it was resolved 'to buy Mrs Smith's butter and the secretary write her a note instructing her to wash her butter better'.

The hours for keeping open the Society's place of business were from 9.00am to 9.00pm and later if required on Saturday evenings, and the weekly cash kept by the shop man averaged £30 per week.

Mathew Pears was employed as a cart-man to move goods to the Store and to 'deliver into the country when required, but to be as economical as possible'; and Joseph Brown was appointed as 'shop lad' at a wage of five shillings a week. By December 1876, Joseph had resigned the position and was replaced by Thomas Stoke.

The Society's property was insured against fire to the value of £200 for the property and £300 for the goods therein, and it was agreed that Mr Ellis of Hexham be asked to provide a sign board for the Ratcliffe Road shop.

When the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Industrial Society Limited opened for business in May 1875 there were 71 members, one year later 112 residents held shares and the Society was in a position to pay for substantial alterations to its Ratcliffe Road premises.

More about that in Part 2

STEPPING STONES

In the Haydon News of November 2013, I questioned whether the stones pointed out by Harry Steele, which lie across the River Tyne below Temple Houses and surfaced during this summer's dry spell, were ancient or more recent. A reminder of the workings that removed gravel from the river bed and bank, perhaps.



Thanks to Mrs Jean Heron, I can confirm that the stones existed long before the gravel extraction from the river. Jean informs me that old Joe Hodgson, who lived for a time in a cottage at West Mill Hills, told her he never walked across the (old) bridge to school, but followed a route through the subway under the railway and across the river on 'large stepping stones'.

Joe died in the spring of 1980 aged 86 years, so this is, probably, confirmation that the stones were there well before 1908.

Could they have been part of a structure used when the railway was being built in the 1830s, I wonder?

Thank you Jean.

Can anyone else shed further light on this subject?



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The Havelock 'choir' who lead the carol singing in the Bar, accompanied by Sheffield Exham on piano, were in fine voice. **Thank you to everyone at the General Havelock for your hospitality, to Sheff and, of course, to Santa Clause, for a wonderful afternoon.**



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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 thirty fourth casualty, in 1917, was
John Edward Taylor (MM)

(34) John Edward Taylor



Photograph from
Hexham Courant

John served as Corporal 200520 (1953), 4th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

He died on 26th October 1917, aged 22.

Born in Brampton, he was the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor. He had worked for five years at the Johnson farm at Beacon Rigg, Langley.

John enlisted at Hexham, in September 1914 and went to France in April 1915.

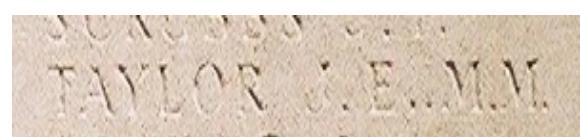
He was wounded soon afterwards and spent time recovering at home.

In 1916 John served through the Battle of the Somme.

He was killed by a sniper.

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

John is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.



If you have any information relating to John Edward Taylor, or any of those individuals 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.



The 'Get It Together Society' gets a New Logo

At their December meeting Haydon Bridge Get It Together Society (GITS) approved a new logo in mono-chrome or colour, which will head all advertising and communications.

The logo design, by Ann Rooke and Averil Harrison, is based on our bridge and on a community working together; and it encapsulates the aims of GITS in Haydon Bridge. Our events are for all ages and aimed to strengthen our already amazing community spirit.

Many of the people who came into the village to attend the 2013 Performing Arts Festival (PAF13) events said how welcomed they felt and were eager to return. Look out for the logo on advertising for these coming events:-

April	'Eggstravaganza' - Easter Crafts for children
June	'Wacky Whit Wedding Walk on the Wall' GITS sponsored walk (see below)
July	'Performing Arts Festival 2014' (PAF14) A week of varied performances held in village venues.



The GITS team who are seeking sponsorship for The 'Wacky Whit Wedding Walk on the Wall' on Saturday June 7th 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

The walk begins at the Twice-Brewed Inn car park at 3.00pm and finishes there at 7.00 pm. The aim is to get 110 kg of 'bride' (the guy in the veil) from there to Housesteads and back along Hadrian's Wall. Posters for the walk will be appearing soon but if you wish to register your support the sponsorship form is available on the GITS website getittogethersociety.co.uk/index/html or you can sponsor on-line via the Tynedale Hospice website www.tynedalehospice.com.

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A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

There's plenty of weather to talk about so only brief visit to the church noticeboard. On the door of a vicarage garage was a sign "No Parking: Trespassers will be prayed for".

A word of prayer may not go amiss with the weather this winter. What ever happened to the snowiest/coldest winter for years that we were promised??? Christmas and New Year have been a nightmare for many folk, with gales and floods – so far we have been relatively fortunate here in Haydon Bridge, although we did lose our power line here at Plunder-heath one evening.

November was a rather variable month, dominated by winds from a broadly westerly direction. It was generally cooler and drier than usual. The weather was unsettled for the first ten days with only two rain-free days. A moderate to fresh westerly breeze was accompanied by showers which were heavy at times. The first air frost of the winter occurred in the early hours of the 2nd. The next seven days were relatively mild and there were long sunny periods. After a brief unsettled spell 17th-21st, with further rain, pressure began to rise as a strong anticyclone moved across the British Isles. This brought in a cloudy Atlantic airstream with low cloud and very light drizzle at times, although there were a few crisp sunny days.

December was dominated by winds from a generally westerly direction (87%). The weather remained unsettled with cloud, rain and frequently strong winds. Temperatures were well above the seasonal normal so there was very little sign of either snow or frost. Pressure remained high for the first four days, which were cloudy and rather dull. The first of what proved to be a series of intense Atlantic storms arrived late on the 4th and a full gale was blowing early on the 5th. In its wake the clouds cleared and night temperatures fell below freezing for the one air-frost of the month on the 6th. As more precipitation moved in from the west late on the 6th it fell initially as light snow but this soon turned to rain. The weather then became more settled for four days then the next storm arrived late on the 11th. This pattern of deep depressions persisted for the remainder of the month, rain occasionally falling as sleet and hail. During the evening of the 18th the weather changed from light breeze to gale with lashing rain then back to a breeze in the space of little more than an hour. Christmas and New Year were mild, damp and windy.

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

Month	Ave. Max. Temp.(Daytime) Deg C	Relative to long-term average Deg C	Ave. Min. Temp. (Night-time) Deg C	Relative to long-term average Deg C	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
November	8.1	-0.6	2.2	-1.3	51.4	63
December	8.7	+2.7	3.4	+2.2	112.9	133

And finally Gladys tells me that her golf partner Irma was very upset recently. She is a senior manager in a large company and instead of the usual boring one-day get-together the MD decided that all senior staff should go on one of these 'boot-camp' weekends in order to hone their leadership skills. This had sent Irma into a panic but she had no choice but to attend. Upon arrival all the participants were lined up and told that they must obey all instructions given to them. Disaster struck for Irma when she was standing in the queue waiting to be told her room allocation. As she stood there, her nerves got the better of her and she really really needed to go to the loo. The queue moved forward very slowly as keys were handed out "You're in 24; You're in 13; You're in 21; etc ... and so it went until Irma reached the front of the queue, when the unfortunate incident occurred. She was in room 8.

CHARITY QUIZZES AT THE GENERAL HAVELOCK

"Thank you" to those who contacted me regarding the programme of Charity Pub Quizzes at the General Havelock in 2014. I can now confirm the dates and the charities for the quizzes January through to June, which are as follows.....

January 7th Tynedale Hospice at Home

February 4th The Haydon News

March 4th Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign (Wear-it-Pink Queenie Quiz)

April 15th Haydon Bridge Playgroup

May 13th Tynesight

June 17th Haydon Bridge Health Centre

Thank you for your support for these quizzes, which continue to be very popular.

CANDLES FOR CHARITY

At the end of 2013 I was able to distribute £712 to various charities. Thank you all for buying candles from me and keeping me supplied with old wax. The charities supported this year have been Josie's Dragonfly Trust, Haydon Bridge Playgroup, RNLI, Tynedale Hospice at Home, 60-80-30, Tynesight, Dementia UK, Sir Bobby Robson Foundation, the Haydon Bridge Performing Arts Festival and a number of local churches.

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1. Paying for Prescriptions

Always check with the pharmacy team if you can **buy the item for less than a prescription charge**. As the prescription charge has risen over the years there are a lot of medicines that are actually cheaper to buy from the pharmacy than have them prescribed.

For minor illnesses and injuries you are always welcome to ask your pharmacist for advice. This may be as quick or quicker than visiting the doctor. Your pharmacist will refer you on to your doctor if the problem seems more complicated than first thought.

If you need 13 prescription items over a year (just over one a month) it is worthwhile getting a **prescription pre-payment certificate**. This covers you for all the medicines you will be prescribed including dental prescriptions no matter how many you will need.

The cost of a prepayment form for a year is £104 or you can get a three month prepayment for £29.10

One of the simplest options is to pay a monthly direct debit for ten months for a one year prepayment certificate.

2. Buying Medicines

When buying a medicine always check with the pharmacy staff if there is a **cheaper version**.

Often the companies that are first to market a product make their product expensive to fund research and development of the product and advertising.

When products have been around for a while there is often much cheaper products that are just as effective. Your healthcare assistant in the pharmacy will be able to advise you on this.

3. Collecting Medicines

Fuel or public transport costs can make picking up your medicines expensive.

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February 9

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(please note no 6pm Service that day only)

February 16

10.00am Supt. Tom Quenet (**Communion Service**)
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February 23

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Rev. Dr. John Harrison

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The result of the survey was that a significant majority now came to the resort because they had heard about it from someone – a friend, neighbour or relative. If someone close to us makes a recommendation it is likely to have a greater influence on us than any amount of advertising.

When it comes to recommending a journey into God's kingdom, how should we approach this? We could quote chapter and verse, but is this how we would recommend our favourite holiday location?

Would we regurgitate the guidebook or bore people with facts and figures? No – the recommendation comes in the manner in which we speak of the place – do our eyes sparkle as we share our experiences?; do our voices become louder as we speak?; do we have a desperate urge to share our deep-seated emotional response to the place?

It is not by being able to quote chapter and verse that we commend God's kingdom to others, but by the manner in which we speak of it, and live out what we learn from our experiences of it. Only in this way will we encourage others to make the journey.

*Rev John Harrison
On behalf of St. Cuthbert's Church*

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Wednesday 12th February

The Bridge and Visitor Information Point

Christmas Raffle:

Often, I say to the people that I meet that we are so fortunate in Haydon Bridge and need to value our neighbours because ... every time that the Bridge asks for a favour, the response is overwhelming whether it be produce for the stall in the Summer, or a book which we need but don't have – this time, it was prizes for the Christmas raffle.

Our thanks go out to all of you who contributed; we did indeed have a very enticing raffle and raised the sum of £85 that will go into Bridge funds to pay the utility bills. Our best ever raffle!!

Half term Crafts:

During the half term break, there will be a Crafts session for the children on Monday, 17th February from 10am until 11am at the Bridge. This is a popular event so, please, book in advance at the Bridge. This time it will be led by a team from the Bridge.

If your child is under 8 years, they will need to be accompanied by an adult. We look forward to seeing you there. An advertisement will be on view on the Bridge door and at Shaftoe Primary School.

Archives:

A new tape that can be viewed on the Bridge computer that has come in from Ernie Marshall showing village life in 1949 and 1950!

It is also to be remembered that included on the computer Archives are: the Haydon Bridge Show 1953 and 1956; the Cricket Club; Harry Wilson's dance and the Village Fair. Do pop in. The volunteers are always there to assist you, should you need help.

Now that we have a good camera, a project for the spring is to produce a photo collection of Haydon Bridge and the surrounding hamlets as they are now, to compare with the old photographs that we already have.

In addition, we are looking for people from the village and beyond, who have memories of village life that they will share with us, by volunteering to be interviewed ...

Artist in Residence:

We are very pleased to welcome Kathleen Sisterson, from Hexham to the Bridge. Her exhibition of original watercolours has been in the Bridge over Christmas.

Most unusual for a lady, the subject matter is steam engines and trains. Kathleen is a professional artist and is also a printmaker, a designer and a tutor in adult education.

Her work will be on show until the beginning of February.

Children's Summer Reading Challenge

Book Prize:

I've already mentioned that our children, above all others in Northumberland, who attend small libraries, were awarded a £100 book prize for the Bridge because of their determination to complete the Summer Reading Scheme.

Now, we have received all of the books that we requested and they are on display in the Children's Corner ... although some might have been borrowed already ... !

Happy New Year and happy reading ...

LANGLEY WI

The ladies of Langley WI welcomed several visitors to their Christmas Party in December.

After a delicious supper of Cold Meats, Salads and Sweets provided by the committee members, Christmas poems were read out by the members who had submitted them to the competition. The visiting ladies were asked to judge this competition and they decided that Eileen's dramatic rendition of "Little Red Riding Hood" and Jane's "Weight Watchers Christmas Lament" were winners.

A Christmas quiz was handed out which tested our maths prowess, one of the questions being "How many gifts did my True Love send to me ? " (Work that one out for yourselves !!)

The evening was rounded off with Carol singing ,accompanied by Francis playing the keyboard.

We meet at The General Havelock for our New Year Meal in January. February's meeting will be on the 11th February at 7.30pm in Langley Village Hall. "Josie's Dragonfly Trust " will be the topic for the evening.

Everyone is Welcome

Langley WI had their "Christmas" meal at the General Havelock in January so no meeting to report on.

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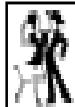
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Lorna, 07747 842364

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Pam Gibbard, 01434 688608
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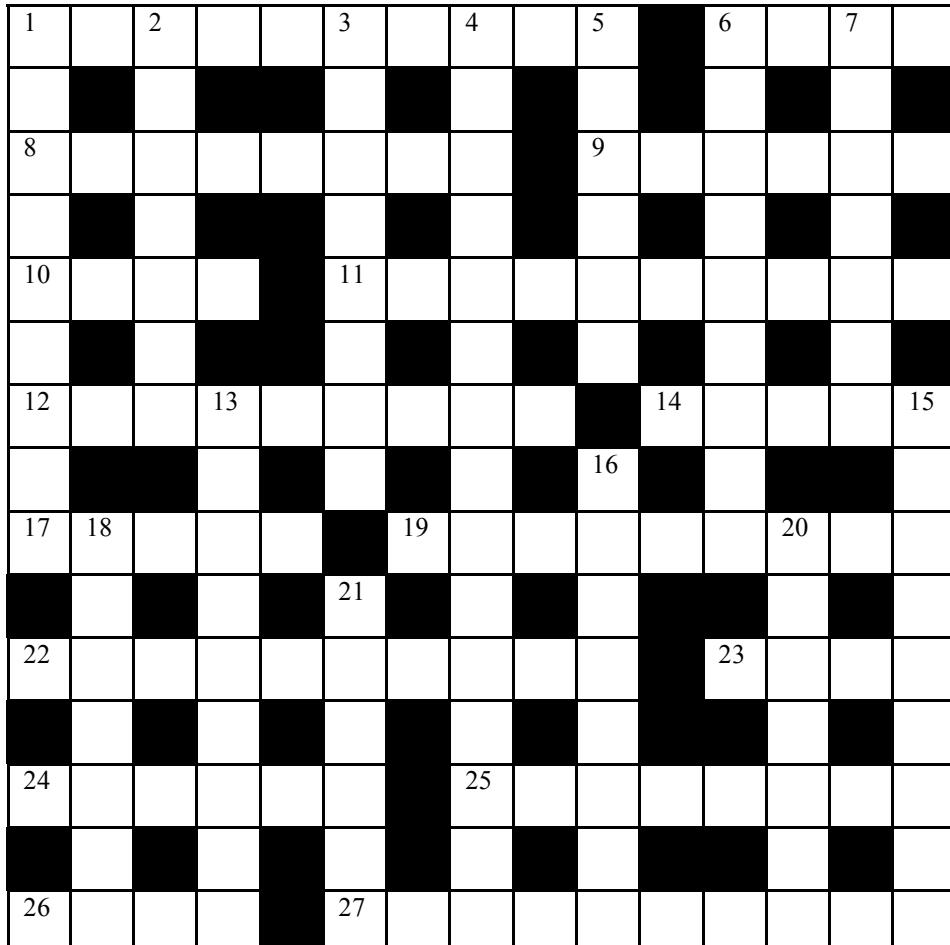
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ACROSS

1. Hamilton could care about way to go! (10)
6. Avoid scoring nothing. (4)
8. Crisp crunched by Ted, who wrote the screenplay. (8)
9. Sounds like you know my well adjusted constitution. (6)
10. Overcome the difference in levels in the older amphitheatres. (4)
11. Had tea around in Coopers and acquiesces. (10)
12. Elect a cad to have shoes fitted. (9)
14. New York express. (5)
17. Another writer from Wordsworth's cottage. (5)
19. Maker went to pieces and developed one. (9)
22. A warning before priest became ancestor. (10)

23. Cricketer who didn't look much at first, but turned out beautifully. (4)
24. Decoration found on the eleventh day of Christmas. (6)
25. Uncle turns oil into small granular body in his cell. (8)
26. One in Surrey or Kent, or further north perhaps. (4)
27. Racist seen about in wartime underground movement.

DOWN

1. Controls concerning tough school starter. (9)
2. Carry Mr. Brooks to this one. (7)
3. Ian follows spirit measure to find glasses dispenser. (8)
4. Seen to help or aid wireless communication devices. (5-10)
5. One where former alien went with hesitation. (6)

SOLUTIONS TO NOVEMBER'S CROSSWORD.

ACROSS

1. CISTERCIAN
6. SUCH
8. TECTONIC
9. TRAUMA
10. ATOM
11. UNMILITARY
- 12 & 14. THREE-CARD TRICK
17. CACHE
19. SHOULDERS
22. PERMANENCE
23. SEMI
24. STARVE
25. IMBIBING
26. UDAL
27. TENDERISER

DOWN

1. CATHARTIC
2. SUCCOUR
3. RENOUNCE
4. INCOMPREHENSION
5. NETTLE
6. SPATTERED
7. CAMBRIC
13. Ephemeral
15. KISSINGER
16. QUEEN BEE
18. ABETTED
20. ENEMIES
21. INSERT

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

14

LAST MONTH'S WINNER

Phillida Irving

Entries in before

Saturday 15th February

Please hand in your entry to Claires Newsagent or post to the editors — see page 2.

6. The fisherman followed a river to this one. (9)
7. Remark on a thousand men in a cot. (7)
13. Crash car and rip up ticket when going to this one. (9)
15. I've followed former numbers to be substantial. (9)
16. Hesitate before couples clasps to one's bosom. (8)
18. Rich zoo exploded and only sausage was found. (7)
20. Now look around, it is a bit of china that is required. (7)
21. One found in very large and colourful urban gorse bush. (6)

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HAYDONIAN SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE

On Friday 6th December 2013 a charity night to raise funds for the Great North Air Ambulance was held at the Haydonian Social Club in the village. The entertainment was 'The Counterfeit Sixties', an excellent 60's tribute band playing all the hits by all groups.

It was a wonderful entertaining evening, which was unfortunately badly supported by the village people—only 55 present.

I would like to thank all the people who **did** attend and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Many thanks to Langley Castle, The Coop-Haydon Bridge, WMH Farm Meats, Claires Newsagents, The General Havelock and all others who donated raffle prizes. Thanks also to Jo at the Havelock for helping us to sell tickets for this event.

After adding 10% of our takings for the night, the donations were rounded up to £300.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

About 60 members children came to see Santa. Played lots of games. They were all given teas. Santa arrived and give all the children a very good present.

On average each child received a £12-00 present. Paul and Sandra entertained them with games like 'Pass the Parcel' & 'Musical Chairs' with lots of prizes.



THANKS TO:

Kerry- deputy manager the co-op. This year's charity was Carer's Trust. Haydon Bridge coop raised £1900. She is such an inspiration & lots of local groups benefit from her enthusiasm

17th Dec OAP lunch for 55. Thanks to: **Dennis Telford** - carol sheets -Sheffield exam- piano. **Father Christmas** - he knows who he is! **Claire's newsagent** - sweets. **Hexham round table** - money donation. **Havelock staff** – Lindsey, Phil, Paul, Gary & Michael. **Mary Milford** - organised meals on wheels

28th Dec -- the John Martin Street fund raiser. **Ren Hunter** organised the event & raised £275 for Haydon Play Group.

CREATIVE & LOCAL

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS - some human

I decided it was time to stretch my wings beyond the Co-op and my new best friend the Butcher, so I followed the signs for the Tourist Board & Library. I could not know it was one and the same.

Coming from a Big City where the library was a vast steel'n'glass 4 storey Prince Charles Carbuncle I was delighted to happen upon a pretty, single storey stone building on the railway station yard with woodwork painted in muted on-trend Farrow & Ball colours.

Pushing open the door I stumbled upon large piles of newly returned books fighting for space alongside a phalanx of leaflets espousing the joys of Hadrian's Wall. Further in I discovered the Library and Tourist Board also doubled (trebled?) as an Internet Cafe and on some days a Mother & Baby meeting place. Crikey! As there was barely room to swing a cat I hoped the local vet did not also use it as his surgery.

Gravitating towards a wonderful smell of coffee I was greeted by a merry Hello! from what turned out to be 3 volunteers manning the counter. As I turned, I was hit THWUMMP! by a rucksack belonging to a tall, blonde young man searching for the Tourist Information side of this enterprise. Any expletive I was about to utter was quelled when I saw the abject look on the poor guy's face whilst trying to remove his tent peg and crampoon from my neck. I didn't think adding new English profanities to this traveller's lexicon was how he needed to remember his trip.

So I let it go and moved swiftly on to a shelf marked BOOKS 50p EACH OR THREE FOR £1. Now I'm no Carol Vorderman but even I could see that added up to a bargain. Rubbing the tent-peg sized swelling on my neck I picked up the latest Ken Follett hardback, original price £18.99. Crumbs! That was certainly worth getting smacked in the face for by one our Scandinavian cousins.

Spotting a new member prime for signing up, one of the staff asked me if I'd like a coffee, adding, "It's fresh. And free!". Given my current parlous financial status, free was good. "And you can have a biscuit. They're free too!". Better and better.

I emerged onto the street carrying a latte, oatcake cookie and book all for the grand sum of 50p. The prices more like a throwback to Dickensian times rather than 2013. That little lot would have given me barely any change from £30 in The Big City. Or any city come to that.

This reluctant incomer was warming to the place by the hour. A sign outside read Volunteers Wanted. I could do that, I thought. After all, biscuits, books, computers, coffee, dishy, fit backpacking Norwegians. What's not to love? *Euphemia Whaletrouser*

THE NORTH BANK BARD

CAVIAR

If caviar costs tuppence a kilo,
And tinned meat a fiver a gram,
The poor would subsist on cold fish eggs,
While the rich gorged on Champagne and Spam.

If brass rings were scarcer than hen's teeth,
And gold rings were worth not a bean,
Fishwives would sparkle like stardust,
While princesses' fingers turned green.

If the rich ever come to their senses,
We poor might just come to ours too,
And pigs might fly and Hell might freeze over,
And who am I kidding? Not you.

BARK

In a recent survey conducted by me,
I found that dogs prefer a tree.
A lamp post as a substitute,
May shed some light but bears no fruit.

LIMERICK

If a man who sells fruit is a fruiterer,
Other tradesman should chose names astuterer,
Such as butcherer or bakerer,
Or even candlestickmakerer,
Try Googling them on your computerer.

JO@HAVELOCK

It was my daughters birthday on the 22nd
after the festivities the village carol service beckoned
What a change &full of meaning
Every one did well the church was gleaming!!
The message was a simple one &also very clever
About the homeless on the streets in all sorts of weather
The right Christmas (not a white) Christmas!
Giving to all & taking the time
Very thoughtful and just the right sign
The catering was good & tasty
Thanks to all involved I left too hasty!!

LIMERICKS FROM A. N. OTHER

A woman in liquor production
Owns a still of exquisite construction.

The alcohol boils
Through magnetic coils.
She says that it's "proof by induction."

Here's a rarity—a meta-limerick:

There once was a [person] from [place]
Whose [body part] was [special case].
When [event] would occur
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Edward Waite Trophy

Mark Todhunter, aged 18.



When 17 he competed in the third qualifying event for selection for Great Britain U20 triathlon team. The event was at Rother Valley, comprising 800m swim + 20Km bike + 5 Km run.

There is both a standard time and limited number of places for GB selection. Mark was 3 minutes 20 seconds inside the standard qualifying time. Over the 3 qualifying events a maximum of 16 places are available and Mark secured one of these (we think he is 13th ranked).

As a result he represented Great Britain U20 in the European Championships in June in Turkey where he finished in 10th place.

He still has one more year in this age group and in July will attempt to gain selection for World Championships by competing in a qualifier at Llandudno.

Next year he hopes to go to Loughborough to study Sports Science and Geography. Loughborough is the centre for UK triathlon and several top triathletes, including Olympic triathletes, train and/or attend Loughborough.

Mark has been selected to represent Great Britain again in the European Triathlon Championships U20 age group. This is in Austria - Kitzbul in June 2014.

Also congratulations to Rosemary who has also been selected!! Different age group! 55 to 60.

RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID

Bacon, eggs, sausages, black pudding, chips and brown bread and butter. Brown bread, Raydon? Since when did you eat brown bread?

Since my doctor told me I had to improve my diet, Dusty.



News from California Allotments.

Gardeners do not look forward to February, a month of cold damp soil. The soil is not good for working on but pruning is one job to be getting on with—pruning gooseberries, blackcurrants and redcurrants.



When pruning cut just above a new bud and try to remove branches from the middle of the bush as this lets air circulate and prevents mildew.

Try to keep to a round overall shape by standing back and looking at the bush from time to time. A compact shape helps when there is build up of snow in the winter or strong winds when laden with fruit.



Trees should also be pruned, it's good to keep them below 8 foot high, as they can shade your vegetable area and may also shade your neighbour's vegetable garden.

Don't throw the prunings away. Put some of them near the edge of a border and in 2 years you'll have healthy plants to use, give to a neighbour or put out for sale on the Bridge Saturday Table.

Remember it's better to have a go at pruning rather than doing nothing to your bushes and trees.
(Avoid pruning if a frost is due that same night).

GREENHOUSE.

Try sowing onions and broad beans, for an early crop, in individual pots in the cold greenhouse. It would be good to cover them with fleece at the time of sowing and later when it is very frosty.

Bad news for allotment gardeners - there has been at least 2 greenhouses and a shed demolished plus others have lost glass and fences due to the high winds.

Thank goodness we don't have gas!

Heard at Trinity Church, Hexham, this morning.

A lady who was talking to a few of us recounted how she'd just had an unexpected bill for gas of over £3,000, which would have scared her silly, had she not been a feisty woman who got onto the phone to her supplier instantly.

The girl apologised profusely and said she shouldn't have been sent this bill. The new meters installed in the summer aren't working properly and a number of wrong bills had been sent out. She got my friend to read the meter under the stairs, and then asked for a meter number, but my friend couldn't find one.

So she said they'd send someone out, with a torch. She then asked about the electricity meter, which could be read at the same time.

It's in a little cupboard over the kitchen door, my friend said. Oh, I'll have to send two men, because one has to hold the ladder. But I've been climbing a ladder to that cupboard for years, the astonished householder said, with no-one here but myself.

Health and safety, was the reply. 'Do they need hard hats?' asked my friend. You'd better remind them.

When they came, she made a point of telling them about the door of the little overhead cupboard, as it has a habit of falling down over rather quickly and hitting you, if you're not quick enough to grab it – just in case of accidents.

Maybe the £3,000 bill was to cover them for necessary insurance.

STREET NATIVITY



Street Nativity was held at Haydon Bridge Sat. 14 Dec. Started at the community centre singing carols. Knocked at the Havelock door "no room". Onto Railway Inn "no room". Onto the war memorial/Stable for the gathering of Mary and all — plus more carols.

SHAFTOE TRUST PRIMARY SCHOOL

December was an extremely busy month.

The children enjoyed the production of Yule Tide Tales performed by a theatre group in school. It was lovely to see so many families join the 'Lights Up' event on Sunday 8th December- the trees on the Old Bridge looked fantastic.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Christmas musical 'Hosanna Rock'. We have received many comments from parents and members of the local community congratulating us and confirming how much they enjoyed the production.

The Christingle, held at St Cuthbert's Church, was very moving. £71.40 was raised for the Children's Society. The children's singing throughout the Christmas was fantastic, especially as they had so many songs to learn!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair- the magnificent sum of £935.87 was raised for school funds. This will be used for the benefit of all children in school.

DATES FOR DIARIES:

Friday 21st March 6-8pm School Disco

Wednesday 2nd April 2pm Spring Festival

Friday 4th April 2.50pm Egg Jarping Final

West Tyne Federation – Our Visit to London

On 21st November our three schools set off with our parents on a long eight hour journey to London. It was the best visit ever—we loved all of it!

The first stop was outside the Natural History Museum. Some people visited the Science Museum too.

"I went to the Science Museum with my Dad. I saw lots of interesting things and lots of rockets. I even saw the train called the Rocket. I had a great time in the space section. On Floor 3 there were lots of hands on activities. My favourite one was answering questions about yourself."

"I like the dinosaur skeletons in the Natural History Museum. There was a robotic t-rex."

There were screens which you tapped for information and phones that told you what the animals could do.

On the Thursday night some of the children from Greenhead, Herdley Bank and Henshaw went to Hamleys which is a really famous toy shop on Regents Street. We discovered that Hamleys has seven floors full of wonderful toys ...some of them you could play with too!

We also discovered the Rainforest Cafe which had lots of different animals that make noises.

"We all had delicious food, I had a yummy burger!"

On Friday morning, there was a great sightseeing tour and we saw Buckingham Palace and Trafalgar Square. We then went to Westminster and were able to see the Houses of Parliament and all the MPs hard at work. We met our MP, Guy Opperman. In the Houses of Parliament, we discovered the House of Commons is more powerful than the House of Lords. The MPs work so hard to think of brand new laws. The Queen visits the Houses of Parliament once a year for the State Opening of Parliament. There are 650 MPs at the moment, but there are only 427 seats in the main meeting room which is called the House of Commons. So when there is an important decision to make some of them have to stand up!

Then there was a flight on the London Eye, you can see for 25 miles. We spotted Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, boats, trains and lots more!

"The London Eye was a little bit frightening for me at first but when we were going down I got up from my seat and I was brave."

When we were at the top of the Eye I looked at the map that Mum had bought me and I could see the River Thames, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and the Shard. Now I have been on once I would go on again but only if I could close my eyes at the top!"

Afterwards some of us saw some flames coming up from a building. We read a sign and it said "London Dungeon." We decided to go inside to see what it was like. There was a photo place where someone puts their head in a hole and hands and another held an axe and pretended to chop someone's head off and there were a few heads in a bucket. We had a great time at London Dungeon!

"A highlight for some of us was visiting Platform 9 ¾ [Harry Potter's platform]!"

"It was a very busy visit but lots of fun!"

"We had the best time ever...we'll never forget those special memories!"

Key Stage 2, West Tyne Church Federation

WELDON'S WORDS

I have fostered a keen interest in words and their origins since an early age and I intend to share some more interesting and relevant derivations in future months. Manipulating letters in words and creating anagrams, many of which are able to relate directly in meaning to the original, can also be a rewarding intellectual exercise – any fans of Channel 4's long running programme Countdown will bear witness to this.

The following are a few of those which I have encountered over the years; as a schoolmaster, many of these do, of course, relate to the educational world:

DORMITORY	DIRTY ROOM
HEADMASTER	HADES TAMER
DETENTION	NEED IT NOT
EDUCATION	CAUTIONED
LISTEN	SILENT
MOWDEN HALL	MAD HELL NOW
DICTIONARY	INDICATORY
SCHOOLMASTER	THE CLASSROOM

One of my duties as Head of Year Eight is to construct and deliver a speech on the last night of the summer term, praising my charges for all their achievements and wishing them well in their future endeavours. I have on a number of occasions presented the children with anagrams of their names, some of which can be near the knuckle; for example, one young lady came out as DIMLY RUDE which, although in some ways appropriate, might have ruined the poor girl's evening. My finest moment, however, was the anagram I found for a young man named Gordon James, who was a rather stout young man, always looking to avoid any form of physical exercise. Imagine my delight when I discovered that the rearranged letters of his name can become:

JOGS? DREAM ON!

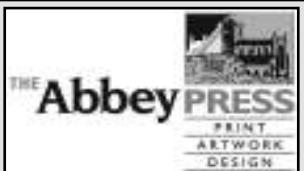
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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2013

Once again time to say thank you to the businesses for allowing me to put jars in for collection for the Christmas Lights and to the public for their generous donations. The amount this year was £442.93, £52.72 being collected by the ladies serving tea and coffee the nights the lights were switched on.

The hot dogs went down a treat, thanks to Claire's who donated the onions, 'Anonymous' who gave half the hot dogs and the Co-op for donating 100 finger buns. Many thanks to Rene Armstrong and Nellie Faulks for helping to count the money.

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THE SILL - IS THERE A PROBLEM?

We are a small group of local residents and businesses in the Twice Brewed area of the Northumberland National Park who have concerns about the possible negative impact "The Sill" will have both on the tranquillity of the area, much valued by current visitors and residents and local business sustainability.

Over previous months we have met with the NNP in an attempt to explain the many areas of concern we have without involving the wider community. However the portrayal by NNP in the media, that "The Sill" is a foregone conclusion and is supported without question by everyone, has left a feeling of disappointment that our concerns are of no consequence.

We do know that there are many in the area who share our concerns, yet local Town and Parish councils, as well as individual groups, are being told that all is well and everyone is in favour. This is clearly not the case. When our group has asked questions at consultation meetings the response has been that "this is not the time for this sort of question".

We have repeatedly asked when there will be an open public meeting for questions and to date we have no idea if one is intended, though Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has stated there has to be at least one. In previous schemes there have been two or three meetings before planning consent was sought.

Previously whenever any local business has applied for grants, it has had to show Profit and Loss figures for three years, Cash flow forecasts for three years, letters of support from the area from both businesses and residents and Economic Forecasts. Where are the figures from the NNP?

For some time we have been asking NNP to provide figures to support their confidence that the Economic Impact of "The Sill" will not be a negative one on the area. We have had numerous meetings with them at different levels and have met twice with representatives from HLF. We have been given no figures.

An Economic Report was put on the NNP website in May but the 180 plus pages give no confidence in the findings or the way the report seems to have been researched. It does not provide information on the economic impact.

Our main areas of concern are:-

Loss of Tranquillity

- Scale of building
- Type of building (modern and glass - very visible from the Wall)
- Increased traffic (initially 60,000 to 80,000 new visitors - although figures from NNP now say 20,000 to 25,000 - no public transport)
- Large car park to be built on a meadow
- Disturbance of existing wildlife (e.g. bats)

Potential Negative Impact on Existing Businesses

- Building to include 100 seat cafe
- Enhanced quality of Youth Hostel accommodation giving direct competition.
- Distracts from other sites (even though The Sill is not focussed on Roman archaeology, it is in the heart of Roman Wall country)
- 175 new jobs mentioned in NNP documents are mainly not local jobs and could in fact adversely affect employment within existing local businesses
- Could be left with a £11.5 million large white (glass) elephant, including an empty car park on a previous green field site, if expected visitor numbers fail to materialise.

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Haydon Bridge Red Squirrel Group

OPEN MEETING to include a presentation by Will Nicholls, about the red squirrels in the Haydon Bridge area.

THURSDAY 13th MARCH @ 7:00pm
at the Methodist Church Hall, Church Street

If you are interested in saving our native red squirrel please come along to this meeting to find out more about the efforts in Haydon Bridge and the Allen Valleys. Will Nicholls, our local wildlife photographer, will be giving a talk with images about our small colony of reds in the Haydon Bridge area. Katy Cook from Red Squirrels Northern England will also be there to answer any questions you have about Red Squirrel conservation.

For further information please telephone Marion on 07984 630 967