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EDITORIAL

Several new contributors this month - I am most grateful to them for their efforts and more are always welcome. An angling column has been promised.

Problems with software and hardware abound when many people contribute to a single publication - as is the case with The Haydon News. Such is the variety of programs and the numerous versions that people use and so many are the different makes and ages of computer that incompatibility and skill level inevitably introduce problems.

Contributors and your editor spend many hours tearing hair out and muttering strange cabalistic oaths as each new frustration hoves into view.

The most recent problem that has arisen is the absence last month of a name and address for people to send their entry forms to for the Local Artists' Summer Exhibition — hence the notice beneath this editorial.

What do we all think about the proposed dualling of the A69? It has been proposed a number of times before, I believe, but perhaps with each reassessment the reality comes a little closer. Getting the bypass has been a huge step forward but the thought remains that it should have been dualled when it was built.

One of the contributions I will be making to the consultation process is that the opportunity should be taken to incorporate a high quality, properly joined up, cycle track along the full length of the Tyne Valley. Some of this could be alongside the new road - for example, from Haltwhistle to Prudhoe.

How does your garden grow? At the moment ours is in overdrive, everything is rushing out of the ground, especially the weeds.

This year I chose to treat the front lawn to some moss killer and fertiliser in powder form, delivered through a small wheelbarrow-like device. However, I failed to notice that the spreader was only working part time, with the result that the grass has deeper and darker green stripes in places and I have been accused of drawing willies on the lawn. Damned critics!

German POWs in Russia are alleged to have done something similar when they were employed planting new forestry over thousands of hectares of the steppes. After some years, at certain seasons and viewed from an aircraft, it became apparent that the different tree species picked out vast swastikas. Ah, the many uses of botany. Steve Ford

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At 7.30 on the evening of 22nd May 2014 a meeting of the Haydon Parish Council was convened in the large room of The Community Centre—the small committee room being occupied by the Euro Elections proceedings.

Public participation

As no members of the public were present, there was no public participation in the usually accepted sense. However, some messages had been sent concerning the still absent seats in the cemetery and the bins and bonfire situation. The large accumulation of rubbish on the bonfire is awaiting a favourable wind direction or possibly the use of a shredder.

The seats, when replaced, will need to be very securely fixed to discourage vandalism or theft. A replacement at Geeswood is also required.

Some of the graves were noted to have sunk and require additional fill to rectify the appearance.

Apologies

Apologies from absent members were noted.

Resignation

Richard Snowden has resigned. The Council will be sending him a letter of thanks for his contributions over the years.

Election

The Chair and Vice-chair were unanimously re-elected—without the option.

Declarations of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared by the members present in respect of the evening's agenda.

Previous meeting's minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

NCC

Cllr. Alan Sharp reported that a potential problem existed for students at local schools when charges were introduced for bus transport for the over 16s. A figure of £600.00 annually was mentioned which might be a significant problem for some households and could even prevent some students from continuing their studies. Further information will be sought.

Further progress is being made with road repairs around the Parish. Mention was made of the appalling state of the Joicey's Shaft road.

The Langley sign is still to be repaired.

Roadside litter is being dealt with.

The Hadrian's Wall bus service seems set to continue.

The new Haltwhistle hospital is in the process of opening and should be operational within a month. The associated flats for the elderly are also a welcome addition to the community resources.

The Moralee/Tedcastle road mending continues

The Church Street drains have yet to be fully sorted out. One of the factors causing the delay is the difficulty experienced in getting the drains lorry close enough due to parked cars.

Further efforts are being made to resolve the potentially dangerous parking chaos at the complex junctions by the Haydonian Social Club. Some council members had themselves experienced 'near misses'.

The Langley Castle to Threepwood track is to be temporarily closed for eighteen months. Nobody was able to furnish an explanation for the proposed closure but much concern was expressed that this was a ruse to achieve full and permanent closure. Members were much exercised concerning the necessity of retaining all public rights of way in the Parish. Cllr. Sharp undertook to investigate and report back.

Highways

Litter tipping is still occurring. Members of the public are urged to report details of vehicles seen to be used for tipping to either councillors or police. With this information action can be taken.

The newly mown grass around the bypass exits was noted to be already littered. The necessity of maintaining sightlines at junctions everywhere was emphasised, cow parsley being a major offender in this respect.

Ownership of the 'new' bridge in the village remains unclear. Cllr. Sharp will redouble efforts to clarify the situation.

NCC is content for flashing speed warning signs to be installed around the village but the Parish Council will be wholly responsible for any costs involved. Cllr. Sharp offered to contribute to the costs, as he has done in other locations locally. A price of £2.5k was mentioned and the clerk of the Bardon Mill PC is to be asked for details of their experience. The exact siting of the devices remains to be settled.

The residents of Langley have expressed enthusiasm for the installation of litter bins. The risk of theft and vandalism was mentioned. The costs would be carried by the PC. A wheelie bin design is essential for collection to be by the usual refuse collection lorries.

The flood defences at Inner Haugh have been improved but further adjustments may be required.

Lighting

The Dark Skies project will be getting into it's stride soon. It is anticipated that every street light in the county will eventually be changed.

Planning

Two applications were presented for consideration. Some relatively minor amendments to the Tait's Yard project and a conservatory at Sillybrae. No objections were made to either.

It was noted that in part of the documentation about Tait's Yard mention was made of the electricity sub station having been raised to accommodate 'one in one hundred year' floods. Advice about actions that householders should take to minimise damage from floods has already been prepared too.

Accounts

Future expenditure on capital items and Youth Club contributions discussed. Final decision on Youth Club deferred until after forthcoming review.

Correspondence

The Council's attention was drawn to an overgrown hedge on Whittis Hill and a request made for assistance with the cost of maintenance. It was felt that such costs should fall upon the freeholder.

GITS is to plant a tree with an associated plaque. Assistance with costs was requested.

Parish Projects

NULAG is holding a meeting on May30th in Haltwhistle to discuss future Euro funded developments.



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Ideas are sought for the next tranche of money. Unmet needs amongst the youth and pensioners were mentioned. A community bus was mooted—especially for inter health centre trips.

The Author's Society has yet to give a definitive response about the Larkin plaque.

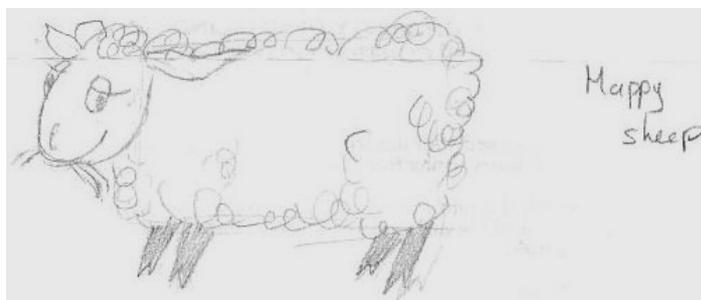
Permanent volunteers for the play area work are sought. Interested people should contact the Council.

Any Other Business

The grass around the invalid bungalow seems to have been left uncut. NCC used to do it as it is regarded as part of Strother's Close. It was felt that it may have been left off the schedule of works for ISOS.

Weed control is also needed in several places.

The next meeting of the PC will be 7.30pm 26th June 2014 in the Community Centre.



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Part 5

**For parts 1 to 4 see Haydon News'
February to May 2014**

An inaugural meeting of the Haydon Bridge Society was held on Saturday March 20th 1875 and the first Store was opened on Ratcliffe Road. After ten years of trading it became clear that larger premises were required and, on Saturday April 7th 1888, the public opening of a new Store on Shaftoe Street, on the South Side at Haydon Bridge, took place (See HN May 2014).

Once the excitement of the opening of the new Store had died down, the committee's thoughts returned to the more mundane responsibilities involved in running a retail organisation; but not before the Manager of the Cumberland Bank was presented with a goose 'for his very courteous attention to the Society's affairs' during the previous two years.

That settled, there was much to do: An order was placed for two iron bedsteads, one with a straw mattress and the other with steel springs. Top coats that had not been selling had to be hung up in the new shop 'where customers could see them'. Lamp oil was to be priced at ninepence per gallon and potatoes at sixpence a stone. The employee, Thomas Lee, was instructed to pay for repairs to a machine that had 'broke in his hands'. George Parker the Store manager was 'empowered to get the privy and ash pit cleaned out'. Each committee member was given a bottle of 'Brown's Indigestion Mixture' - I'm not sure why, but Miss Watson was asked to stay away from work until the measles had cleared up at her home so maybe that had something to do with it? Or perhaps it was the lack of cleanliness in the privy and the ash pit that was the problem!!

Annie Wear was engaged as a store assistant and started work on Monday November 25th 1889 - it seems that, in addition to the manager, there were five employees at this time: William Reay, T. Lee, E. Henderson, Miss Watson, and Annie Wear.

The treasurer of the Society, Mr Hetherington, resigned at the Half Year Meeting in February 1890 and he was replaced by Mr P. Scott.

Issues continued with the CWS, and complaints were received regarding poor workmanship in boots and clogs and a delay in delivery of moleskin trousers. One hundred and forty four tins of dubbin selling at twopence a tin were ordered - *to waterproof my granddad's football boots, probably!* A quotation

was provided for bread at the Langley Temperance Society's Picnic at Staward-le-Peel. Leather school bags were to be sold at threepence each; and a spring balance scale and a foolscap copying press were bought for eight shillings and thirty two shillings and sixpence respectively.

Towards the end of 1890, it seems that fever was widespread in the locality, and discussions were held with the local Doctor as to whether it was wise for the Co-op to buy and sell butter or, indeed, any goods likely to spread infection.

At the General Meeting held on January 31st 1891, a hearty vote of thanks was given to Joseph Brown 'for his long and faithful service as President of the Society'.

John Johnson was elected as the new President as the Haydon Bridge Co-operative continued to support local activities and made contributions to, amongst others, the Haydon Bridge Flower Show, The Band of Hope, the Northumberland Fusiliers, local Whist Drives, and to support street lighting in the village. Further afield, support was given to 'deaf and dumb organisations' in Newcastle and a South Wales colliery disaster.

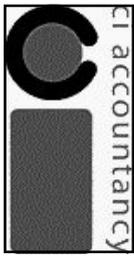
In October 1891, the Store assistant William Reay was offered a full time position at the end of his apprenticeship, on a wage of fourteen shillings a week and an additional eightpence when he was travelling in the country, and when store assistant Annie Wear resigned her position in August 1891, she was replaced by Annie Patterson on a wage of six shillings a week.

It was still important for the Co-op to build its finances by increasing its customers, and William Reay was offered one shilling for every new member he got to join the Society during his travelling round.

A threatened resignation by the Store manager, Gorge Parker, was averted when the committee offered him a further fourteen shillings a fortnight, taking his wage to six pounds.

An advertisement was placed in the newspapers for a young women to assist in the Drapery Dept., to replace Annie Patterson, and Elizabeth Varty was appointed.

The Haydon Bridge Co-operative Society Ltd. was in a reasonably healthy financial position moving towards the end of the nineteenth century, and on October 30th 1896 a Special Meeting was held to agree the building of a new warehouse, and a new cottage to replace an old building belonging to the Society to the west of the Store. (*See photograph on page 7*) The cottage was to be built on the same building line and alongside the Shaftoe Street Store.



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The 1897 'cottage' that housed the Co-operative Butchery Department, before being returned to its original use as a domestic dwelling.



By the end of the nineteenth century, the Society's overall membership had increased to two hundred and sixty eight with annual sales of £4,904; and a dividend of 3/8d in the pound was paid to members.

In February 1903, the wages paid to employees in the Haydon Bridge Store each week were:

George Parker (Manager) £3.4s; T. Pattinson £2.6s; Miss E. Varty £1.6s; E. Henderson £10s; John Spark £12s; I. Hamilton 4s.1d. In October 1903, John Batey was engaged in T. Pattinson's place at £1.3s per week and Miss Ellen Dent replaced Miss Varty.

At this time, discussions were held on the question of paying off the loan of £170, taken out for the building of the cottage and warehouse, and it was agreed to encourage further income through sales by sending William Bell, the traveller, to the Langley area.

George Parker, who had been manager of the Co-op for over fifteen years, resigned his post in July 1904 and was replaced by John Batey on a wage of £2-18s-4d per week.

In July, a paper checks system replaced the earlier stamped metal tokens that customers were given to record their purchases and dividend; Miss Caroline Glenwright was appointed the new check girl.

In February 1906, a special meeting agreed that the Society should start a butchering business and plans for a 20ft x 15ft x 13ft high slaughter house of red brick, with a white glazed brick lining inside, were approved. A wood and corrugated iron hanging house and cart shed were also to be built and an

In Part 3 of this history - I listed the 49 'nominated' or official members of our Co-operative Society from its beginnings to 1888. I know that list - its names, residences and the various employments - created interest, and I can add to the list this month with names of the parish residents who were 'nominated' members of the Society between 1888 and 1914. All members shown are from South or North Side, Haydon Bridge unless stated otherwise.

Thomas Woodman (Mason), Thomas Hardman (Engine-man), Thomas Lowdon (Engine-man), John Lowery - Chesterwod (Miner), Joseph F. Armstrong (Stone Mason), George Parker - Paisley House (Co-op Store manager), Mary Lowery - Chesterwood, George Smith (Sawyer) and Isabella Smith - Bristol Lodge Langley, Alexander Johnston - The Tofts (Shepherd), George Wear - Lipwood Bridge (Platelayer), Utrick Chester (Miner), Jane Hetherington and Robert Hetherington - Hill House (Farmers), James T. Dawson (Draper) Robert Dawson (Retired Farmer - both Lipwood Well Cottages, Thomas Richardson (Joiner), Hannah Dickinson - Wesley Terrace, Geo Watson (Engine-man) and Jane Watson - both Chesterfield, John Telford - Greenshaw Plain (Gamekeeper), Robert Watson and John Teasdale Watson (Lead Miners) and George William Watson - all Lipwood, Thomas Robert Dodd - Lipwood (Mason), Jane Hodgson - Moss Houses Fourstones, Thomas Robert Dodd - Lipwood (Mason), John Spark (Miner), Thomas James Bell - Tofts Bank (Miner), John Rogan (Miner), Frank Philipson - Co-operative Cottage (Miner), John Thirlwell (Platelayer), John Hamilton (Manager Ironworks), Ann Keene (Nurse), Elizabeth Alexander - Shaftoe Court, William Dickinson - Westley Tc., George Davison Ridley (Labourer) and William Rafferty (Labourer) - both Shaftoe Street, Thomas Dodd (Engineer), William Boyd - Station Cottages (Platelayer), E.Henderson (Joiner), Peter Scott - Park Cottage (Contractor), Elizabeth Alexandria - Park Style, Mary Makepeace - East End Town Bardon Mill (Widow), John Rogan - 19 Temple Houses (Labourer), Mrs Ashman - Ratcliffe Rd. (Widow), Henry French - Station Cottages (Foreman Porter), Thomas Pearson - Hall Bank (Gentleman), Mathew Muse - South View - Railway Porter Retd., Robert Hogarth - The Willows (Gentleman of Leisure), John Hicks - Shaftoe Tc., (Caretaker Shaftoe Schools), Emma Janet Gibson - Shaftoe Tc., (School Teacher), Thomas Hodgson Shaftoe Court (Platelayer Retd.), Joseph Bowman - 15 Ratcliffe Rd., (Farm Labourer), William Kindred - Smiths Terrace (Signalman).

estimate of £98-15s for the slaughter house and £15 for the hanging house and cart shed was accepted from Armstrong and Lowdon. Mr Hewitson was to carry out the slating and Mr Kirkwood the painting.

In the meantime, regular business continued in the main shop and by August 1906 Alfred Milburn had been appointed as an apprentice, only to lose the position after only nine months due to his 'unsatisfactory behaviour'. The Society continued to build the membership by offering the traveller one shilling for each new member he signed up from the Bardon Mill district.

Once the building work on the slaughter house was completed, members were informed that beef and mutton could be purchased from the newly appointed butcher Mr Storey and his assistant Herbert Lee, from November 1906. William Telford and James Nevin were appointed to look after the butchering department on behalf of the committee and nineteen year old Jacob Brown was engaged at eighteen shillings per week to drive the horse and cart; and to 'make himself generally useful in all Departments'. It seems that the Store's butchering business was a success from its early days. A door was broken through from the front of the shop and land was rented from Mr Henderson of Esp Hill, Mr Cowing at Low Hall Farm and Mr Pigg's field in front of the Shaftoe Terrace Alms Houses - all for grazing sheep and pigs, before their slaughter, and providing pasture for the Store horse.

Walton Bell was appointed assistant to the butcher, following the resignation of Herbert Lee, and by the end of the year Mr Storey's wage was increased by two shillings a week in recognition of the success of the new venture.

The general business of the Co-op continued, of course; John Rogan and William Boyd were given the task of looking after the grocery and provisions department, and Miss Philipson replaced Caroline Glenwright as check girl.

Unfortunately, there were less desirable issues to deal with in **1907**:

Local painter Mr Cooper was instructed to paint 'NO ADMITTANCE' on the large doors to the arch from the street; a 'good stout lock' was fixed to the butcher's door; the public were only to be allowed to enter the shops by the front doors; a 'Private' mark along with the retail price in 'plain figures' would be put on all goods as soon as they came into the shop; and if the Society's employees wanted to purchase goods they would not be allowed to serve themselves.

Each of the new rules and decisions taken were to discourage breaking and entering and pilfering. It was also agreed to purchase a kennel and watchdog,

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this proposal was rescinded, however, at a later meeting.

On October 18th 1907, a vote of censure was passed on the Society's manager and he was warned that unless things improved he would be dismissed and, following a special meeting, individual committee members were instructed to attend the Store each day and remain there to ensure 'the place (was) properly locked up' in the evening.

Two weeks later, the manager was dismissed and George Parker, the previous manager, was invited to take temporary charge of the Society's business.

This decision to dismiss Mr Batey was rescinded, however, following a motion proposed by Mr Kirton and seconded by William Telford that he be allowed another 'trial' providing that he attended 'better to the business of the Society, keeps better company and remains temperate'. Furthermore, the manager was informed that he must 'buy exclusively from the Co-operative Wholesale Society' and no orders had to be given to private traders without the consent of the committee.

Clearly, the second chance afforded to the manager was not taken as, on January 3st 1908, Mr Batey was requested to resign his managerial position, 'owing to his intemperate habits and mismanagement of the Society's affairs'. It was agreed that the Society would hold Batey's furniture in lieu of the debt he owed, and if he attempted to move it the police would be called in. It may have been a consolation to John Batey that the committee did offer to do their best for him if he required a testimonial.

And so ended an unsatisfactory year in the Haydon Bridge Co-op's history.

George Parker's return to the management of the Store seems to have allayed many of the committee's earlier concerns and for a while, from 1909, it was the mundane elements of the business that received the committee's attention:

The complete cleaning of the inside of the shop, for example, and it was decided that the lady members were most adept at handling the dust pan and brush. (*No surprise there then!*) Mrs Crowe, Miss Stobart, Mrs George Thompson, Miss Graham and Mrs Chester. The ladies did need a man - Mr kindred - to oversee them, however. (*Mmm!*)

Once the shop was cleaned, and the rats poisoned - a regular task, apparently - it was time to start a boot and clogging department and, following an advert, a Mr Moses was engaged on three days of each week at four shillings a day to repair clogs, boots and shoes; and it wasn't long before a Mr Sanderson was taken on as his assistant.

At the half yearly meeting in July 1910, John Rogan was appointed president of the Society and he was to

GILSLAND HOME

In 2014, Gilsland Spa Hotel in 140 acres of gardens is a pleasant place in which to stay or enjoy food or a drink. The hotel can also boast an interesting literary history, with Sir Walter Scott and Robbie Burns among those with known association, attracted by the legendary popping stone and, perhaps, the spa waters; the popularity of which were envied by Haydon Bridge businessmen in 1898, when it was suggested that Haydon Spa 'might not become a second Harrogate, but could equal rural Gilsland in popularity' as a spa retreat.

The Gilsland Spa Hotel, rebuilt following a fire in 1859, finds its way into this Haydon Bridge history due to its purchase by the Co-operative movement in 1901 for £21,500, following which, 96 acres of the estate and buildings were organised and run as a convalescent home. Capital for the purchase was sought from members of the co-operative movement and the Haydon Bridge Society, along with Allendale, Coanwood, Haltwhistle and Greenhead, was amongst the first share holders. This allowed Haydonians who were members of the Co-operative to apply to the committee for a place at the Home when convalescing.

During the first World War, the Co-operative Home was requisitioned and used for the care of wounded soldiers; and in 1939 it was used by Newcastle City Council as a maternity hospital, well away from war torn Tyneside.



Gilsland's Co-operative Convalescent Home

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take the organisation into an exciting period of house building when, on March 31st 1911, a provisional offer of two shillings per square yard was made for building sites that were for sale at the west end of the village (Brigwood).

A special meeting of members was called on March 18th 1911, to 'approve the action of the committee in purchasing the land'. The proposal was approved unanimously and a building committee of Thomas Lowdon, James King, William Dickinson, Mr Hare, Mr Hamilton, William Kindred, the president John Rogan and secretary Edward Henderson, oversaw the preparation of plans by Mr Waugh for thirteen cottages for 'working men'.

By September the contractors' estimates to build six of the thirteen houses were accepted at a total cost of £1,611-14s-7d.

Mason's work (Miles) £701-15s-5d
Joiner (Hogarth & Sons) £448-0s-4½d
Plasterer (Woodend) £243-15s-8¼d
Plumber (Long) £60-0s-0d
Slater (Steele) £98-10s-8d
Painting (Johnson) £59-12s-6d

By the end of November 1911, members of the Society were informed that the committee would soon have six houses to dispose of and those wishing to purchase should apply before December 16th. Money would be advanced to those wishing to buy, at an interest rate of 4%, and a £30 deposit had to be paid before taking possession.

In the meantime, the Haydon Bridge Society's retail business continued:

A dividend of 3/- in the £ on grocery items, 2/- on butchery, and 1/- on boots, shoes and clogs was paid at the year end. A £6 donation was made to the Settlingstones' miners lock-out fund. The butchers' cart was sent to William Telford's workshop, the village cartwright, for repairs to its wheels and axles. And, after the year end, employees would be paid weekly instead of fortnightly as had been the case previously.

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The Co-operative houses 'for working men' at Brigwood : the first six were built in 1911

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In June 1912, the committee accepted the resignation of the manager of the butchery department and Mr Storey was replaced by Walton Bell at 26/- a week. C. Hetherington was appointed as his assistant at 18/- a week.

Returning to the Society's building site at Brigwood, there are hints, but no clear evidence, of which of the new houses on the terrace were bought by which of the 'working men'. Further research through the deeds of those who live there in 2014 might be profitable in this regard, however, I do know the prices that were asked for the first six houses and it is interesting to make a comparison with 1912 and today: No 1, £331-2s-8d; No 2, £325-2s-2d; No 3, £322-13s-2d; No 4, £320-8s-3d; No 5, £318-7s-8d; and No 6, £357-19s-2d.

Of the purchasers, Mr Reay agreed to pay 6/10½d a week for a loan of £275; Mr J.W. Armstrong 6/3d per week for a £250 loan; Mr Beedle 7/3d for a £290 loan (on No 3); Mr Rogan, 8/1½d for a £325 loan (on No 6). Each of these loans to be repaid over twenty three years. And, Mr White, 8/6d per week for a £170 loan (No 2) to be repaid over nine years. All the loans were at an interest rate of 4%.

One house was to be let at a rent of £15 per annum, plus all rates and taxes.

To be continued next month

CORRESPONDENCE

Lancashire.
May 7th 2014

Hello Dennis,

As a Heugh Lane lad I thoroughly enjoyed your journey along the 'Great North Road' - my old playground. It revived memories. There was always some difference of opinion as to whether it was 'Heugh Lane' or 'Heugh House Lane'. Obviously very different to what it is today with all the new houses.

I was led to believe that the cottages were built for workers at the lead mine who came from the Alston area - a sort of dormitory. What is interesting about them is that they appear to have been built on the verge of the road (it was wide enough) - no building restrictions in those days!! (New Alston).

My ancestors lived along the Great North Road - Uncle Jack at Cruel Syke, my Great-grandfather William Veitch at Westley Bank and Grandfather William Veitch at Cubstocks. (I come from a long line of Williams!)

I recall there was also an old lane that ran along the south side of the Old Church to Page Croft.

Keep up the good work,

Regards.

William. (Veitch)

Thank you William. One point of information from my May ramblings. General Wade's eighteenth century road to the north of the parish is the Military Road, of course, not Stanegate as I suggested in the delivered HN last month.

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. The thirty eighth casualty, in 1917, was **JOHN HENDERSON (MM)** and the thirty ninth, in 1918, **ROBERT HENRY LITTLE**

(38) John Henderson (MM)



John is buried in grave II.G.7. in Mory Abbey Military Cemetery.

John served as Lance Corporal, 200937, 1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

He died on 13th December 1917, age unknown.

Born in Hexham, he worked as a ploughman on a couple of local farms. John enlisted at Hexham and went to France on 11th November 1915. He was wounded on 15th September 1916 and repatriated to England for treatment. He was able to return to France in May 1917.

The award of the Military Medal was published in the London Gazette on 9th December 1916. He had successfully repelled a German attack but was then killed by shrapnel.

Had he lived his Captain would have recommended John for a further gallantry award.

John's name is on the War Memorial and the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's Church, Haydon Bridge.



(39) Robert Henry Little



Photograph courtesy of Haydon Bridge Community Centre

Robert served as Lance Corporal, 267385, 1st/6th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.

He died on 23rd March 1918, aged 36.

Born in Coanwood, the only son, one of eleven children, of John and Annie Little (nee Gaddes). William was a coal miner.

He had served in the Territorials and re-enlisted at Hexham at the start of the war.

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



Robert has no known grave and is commemorated on one of the panels on the Pozieres Memorial in France.

If you have any information relating to John Henderson or Robert Henry Little, 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.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL 5th – 12th July 2014 MEMORABILIA EXHIBITION – WW1

The Festival will include a “Memorabilia” exhibition in the Methodist Church (10th July 10am to 4pm and 11th July 4pm to 7pm). Representatives from “*The Bridge*” will be on hand to discuss their archives and would be interested in any stories or memorabilia you may have relating to the village.

As 2014 marks the centenary of the start of the Great War the exhibition will also include items relating to the men from the area commemorated on the War Memorial. Readers will be familiar with the series of short articles by Pam and Ken Linge published in the “*Haydon News*” but the exhibition will allow the display of more information than is possible in these pages. It will also include information on some of the men who served and returned as well as more general war news and the initial dedication of the War Memorial.

The first session of the exhibition will include, at 10:30, a talk by Ken on their work and both he and Pam will also be on hand during both sessions.

They would be interested to hear about anyone who served (both those who fell and those who survived) and to see any memorabilia that family members have retained. If possible they would also like to take copies to add to the digital archive. The intention is to expand the archive so that, over time, it becomes as complete a record as possible of the contribution made by local men, and women, to the war effort. The digital archive will then be accessible on-line or on the computers in “*The Bridge*.”

Although the current focus is on WW1 it is also the time to start collecting information relating to WW2 before memories fade too far. So please come and tell us about those stories.



RAYDON FRIDGE and DUSTY DARMAID

Thanks for doing your ventriloquist act for my nephew's birthday party, Raydon, lunch is on the house today.

A ventriloquist's lunch? What's a ventriloquist's lunch?

Thanks, Dusty, that's a ploughman's lunch for me and a ventriloquist's lunch for little Percy.

Gread and gutter and a gottle of geer.



A VIEW FROM UP THERE

John Harrison

Now here's a notice to stir the imagination”During this year's village fete there will be a display of marital arts outside the Red Lion Inn”. Amongst the bedding plants perhaps? Or maybe there would be a demonstration of ‘plighting the trough’?

April would have been a good month for an outdoor demonstration in that there was very little rainfall for 29 days – “yet on the 30th shalt thou raineth manifold”. However, the commonly used words in the weather notes were ‘dull’ and ‘gloomy’ although there were several days when the sun appeared - maybe Spring had arrived? At school many of us can perhaps remember being told that rain in the UK comes from the west. April was an excellent illustration of the dangers of such over-simplification in that on the wetter days the wind was dominantly from the east.

Over the first four days an easterly breeze coming in from the North brought hill fog and steady light rain. On the 5th wind moved round to west, which broke up the greyness, and from the 9th there was a spell of dry sunny weather until the 21st. For the remainder of the month the wind blew consistently from the east bringing a return to cloudy and dull conditions. In the grey uniformity there were a few clearer periods and the air temperature reached the dizzy heights of 17.2 degC on the 23rd. There were also isolated short bursts of exceptionally heavy rain. The wettest day of the month was its last

With the growing season now upon us some of you may be thinking about providing some shelter from the wind for your more fragile plants. This is not quite as simple as it sounds. If you construct a solid windbreak – perhaps a wall or board fence – all that will happen is that the wind will blow over the top and then blow back in to the lee with as much strength, if not more, making the damage potentially worse. In order for a shelter-belt to work, the wind must be allowed to blow through it. Although this sounds counter-intuitive, the air flowing through the shelter will offset the eddy that forms in its lee. So an ideal shelter would be a slatted fence, a thin hedge, or a row of, for example, maize plants. Try it and see for yourself.

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

Month	Average Maximum Temperature (Daytime) Deg C	Relative to long-term average Deg C	Average Minimum Temperature (Night-time) Deg C	Relative to long-term average Deg C	Rainfall mm	Percentage of long-term average
April 2014	12.6	+1.1	5.5	+1.7	60.3	125

And finally Gladys tells me about a street entertainer that she came across during a visit to London. The act had just the one prop – a very ordinary blue anorak. But this one was slightly different. The entertainer would place the anorak on the pavement in front of him and its hood would then proceed to gyrate all over the place – there was no clue as to what was causing this phenomenon and it held the attention of a substantial audience. However, the local bobby was unconvinced and suspected that something dishonest was taking place. So he bent down to confiscate the anorak with its gyrating hood. At which point the hood's owner shouted “No, please, you can't take it away, that's my livelihood”.

UNDER 16s COMPETITION

Thinking ahead to the Autumn, the Haydon News is offering prizes for contributions by under 16s, resident in the Parish. **£25.00** each month in October, November and December will be given to the best piece submitted.

This can be writing (poetry or prose), photographs or artwork of any kind. (Remember we publish in black and white!). It should occupy a single side of A4.

Entries to the editor — see front page for deadlines.

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Ducks on Walkabout

Keeping poultry at the Dene on the North Bank all started with my youngest son's favourite bedtime story about a hen called Bridget who laid eggs and the little boy in the story had to collect them. For his third birthday, six Black Rocks were purchased from MacDonald's farm. We started by keeping them in the old potting shed.

My husband decided that it would be a good idea to add some ducks to the mixture. A friend had some ducklings going spare – a brown one and a white one of indeterminate parentage. They were duly named Bill and Hill after the Clintons. Bill Clinton was in a spot of bother over Monica at the time and it was uncertain on whether or not he'd survive.

All went well for several days but then the ducks decided to go on walk about and not return. The fence had many gaps and needed replacing. We looked everywhere but no Bill or Hill.

Was this an omen for the Clinton presidency as well?

The children were upset so it was decided that I would go to the auction mart and get a few more.

We moved the duck house up by the bridge, rather than having it down by the stream. The theory being by keeping them penned for a few days, they would learn where home was.

Ducks are late night party animals and dislike going to bed, unlike chickens who are sensible creatures. The late night problem was finally solved once we got our first Border collie who learnt to herd them.

At the auction, I successfully bid for a trio of Indian Runner ducks and proudly brought them back to my husband.

My husband's face was troubled when he greeted us. He only hoped that the ducks would get on with the current occupants of the duck house.

The late Johnny Heslop had found Bill and Hill sheltering behind his oil tank and using a pair of sticks had managed to walk them up the road as he heard we might be missing some! Like his namesake, Bill the Duck was a tremendous survivor and lived to the ancient age of 13. Only Bill turned out to be a she – a fact discovered when Bill went broody and started sitting on eggs.

If you happen to wander past the Dene, you may see two white ducks which are Hill's legacy.

Michelle Styles

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

CLERGY MESSAGE FROM:

Father Leo Pyle

Today is a festival of grace and gratitude. Today is a celebration of abundance. We celebrate abundance of life in the Spirit. We celebrate this abundance of life in the Spirit in our Mass and Eucharist.

In the Spirit our faith becomes an affair of the heart. Not just the head. In the Spirit we no longer follow an overly patriarchal religion. A men only religion! We freely admit the feminine enrichment of our thinking, speaking and acting.

With life in the Spirit our asceticism and mortification takes on a positive quality. No self-hatred and mutilation but rather development of physical sensibility. Our disciplines are directed to creativity. Like the musician who practices to produce great music. Like the athlete who trains to win. In the Spirit we even rejoice in our God-given passions, directing them blessedly.

Our Spirit-filled God is Father, Mother and child. All things to all. Our sufferings are but the birth pangs of the universe. Never divine retribution. Death even, in the Spirit, is but the prelude to rebirth. Informed by the Spirit, our holiness is openness and hospitality to life and persons, places and things. Never negative. Never withdrawal, introversion and individualist, save-my-soul-spirituality. Our quest together is for ever greater perfection and innocence. Hence our thirst. Our thirst for the Holy Spirit. That we may grow, expand and be ever young at heart. Ever more nearly all we are meant to be.

Our story begins and ends with the Spirit. Our history opens with God's creative energy and original blessing whom we call the Holy Spirit. Hence our extrovert spirituality which looks in wonder upon the cosmos, God's creation and universe.

Our prayer feeds on this vast inspiration. So far from seeking signs we live with the miracle of existence. "It is good (wonder-ful) for us to be here."

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Father Leo Pyle

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

1 June

10 am Morning Worship
Ann Worthy
6pm United Evening Worship
At **Catton Methodist Church**

8 June

10 am Family Communion
Rev. Tony Buglass
6.00pm **United Village Service For Pentecost**
Deacon Anne Taylor

15 June

10.am Morning Worship
Brenda Mearns
6 pm Reader's Service
Don Jowett

22 June

10.00am Morning Worship
Graham Wilson
6.00 pm Communion Service
Rev. Terry Hurst

29 June

10.00 am Morning Worship
Deacon Anne Taylor
6.00 pm **United Service at Langley Methodist Church**

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1 June

Henshaw
10 am Morning Prayer
Plus double Baptism

8 June

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15 June

Henshaw
10 am BCP Service

22 June

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10am Joint Communion

29 June

10 am Joint Communion At Haydon Bridge

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Rev. Janet Jackson

8 June

10 am Joint Communion

15 June

10 am Lay Reader

22 June

10am Joint Communion at Beltingham

29 March

10 am Joint Communion



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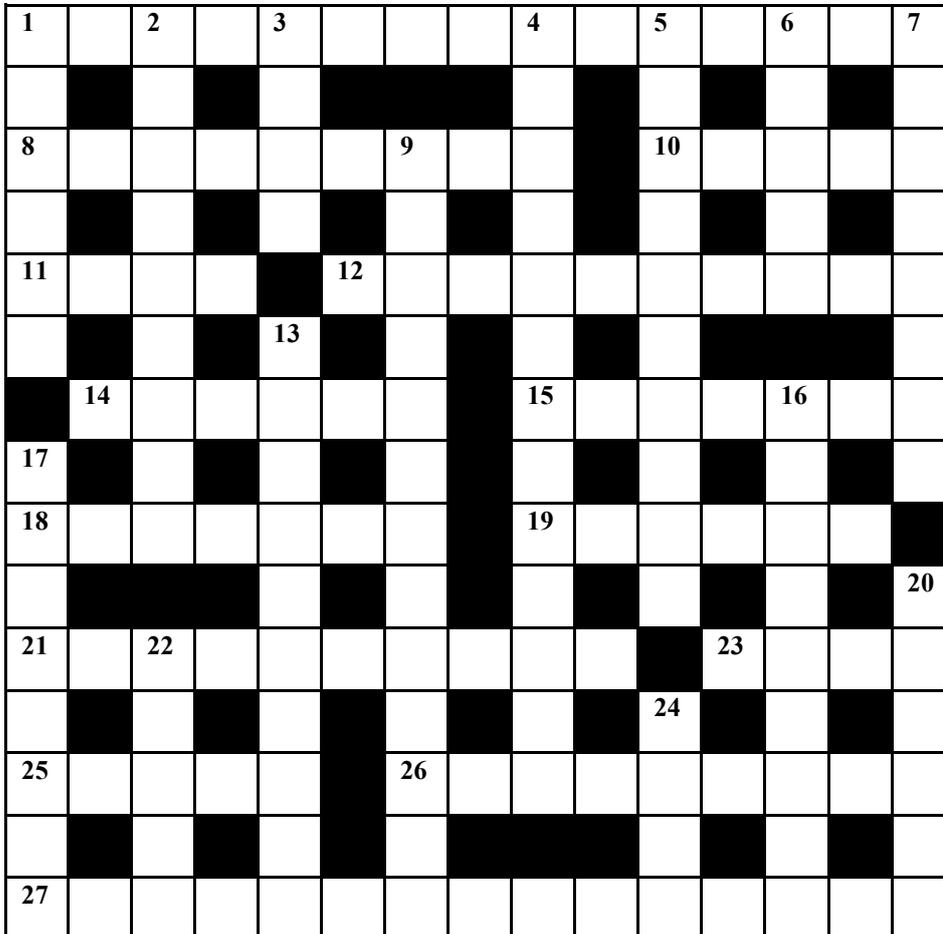
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ACROSS

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4. GRUESOME
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1. FRUSTRATIONS
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16. EOHIPPIUS
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7

LAST MONTH'S WINNER

Simon Walker

Entries in before

Saturday 20th June

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

ACROSS

1. Send care charity collection to Mrs Potts. (6,9)
8. Blue strip could contain a third. (8)
10. River that is part of French-Anglo territory. (5)
11. Was this one born free? (4)
12. This ironic composition is, perhaps, over theatrical (10)
14. Stupid person starts rickshaw and became corrosive. (6)
15. Islands found downwind. (7)
18. Fangs from a pelican in Eskimo country. (7)
19. Solvent you could locate with little trouble. (6)
21. Interfere with endless beauty to find this one. (10)
23. One from that Kazakhstan movie. (4)
25. "Not now" said the roofer when he lost his head (5)
26. Players turn on the amateur. (9)
27. Sees in notes fractious behaviours. (15)

DOWN

1. He ran around, did Cupid's friend. (6)
2. One who lost his head in Spanish city. (9)
3. Deserve to get near, or thereabouts. (4)
4. Ken, a legal type, could be one from the Galactic federation. (5,8)
5. Seventies group tour the Med to find one. (10)
6. Instruct as part of a certain mantra in a certain way. (5)
7. Ride around, for example, in command and kill the king. (8)
9. You could find one in an old Austin stunner. (8,5)
13. You might get a nicer price for this one. (6,4)
16. Liquidates as a maestro is able to do. (9)
17. Is related to vinegar when a cycle goes round it. (8)
20. Spin at a different rate to get primer and shellac. (6)
22. Store in fishing keepnet to get better value. (5)
24. Stinky one ! (4)

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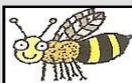
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A Poem for a Mother-in-law.

Mother in law jokes you know how they go
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I was very nervous I must have looked a fright
She taught me how to grow a plant
Hold my tongue & not to rant
The house was full of animals
The garden full of flowers
With cigarettes & coffee we'd while away the hours
Hospital vigils when Laura was poorly
Listening to woes her ears must have hurt soorly
I have come to realise how important she'd become
Not just a mother in law but a second mum
Before she passed I told her how much she meant to me
& in the bible Jesus says "the truth will set us free"
Mother in law jokes you know how they go
With I say I say I say & a hohoho

Barbara died on 8\5\14

Jo Thompson



Cloud

All at Sea

My (ex) navy lieutenant husband gasped when he read today's Telegraph.
"Good God!" he exclaimed "they're allowing women on submarines now!"
As I cut up his egg soldiers I said "you're right - it's not on. They'll be giving us the vote next".

Euphemia Whaletrouser

For science buffs

A young physics student on a train looks up and is surprised to see Albert Einstein seated across from him.

He clears his throat, leans over and asks, "Excuse me Professor Einstein, but do you know if Boston stops at this train?"

G'DAY POMS!

There exists a little bit of Australia in a hidden corner of Hexham. And surprise surprise it's a laundry!

I had often spotted the colourful 'Laundry Gallery' sign near the local Aldi but gave it little heed. Until today. I only needed some plastic bags to return my son's uniform to his previous employer and - genius that I am - I realised a dry cleaning emporium would be the best place to start.

I also figured parking was necessary so I was pleased I had no problems there. Plus I'd forgotten my new white Council disc and I didn't want to get into expensive trouble on double yellows in the High Street.

I called first to see if the laundry had what I needed. An unexpectedly cheerful voice answered. More unexpected was that it was Australian! If voices were light bulbs this would be 200 watts. If I sounded that happy whilst doing other people's dirty washing, my husband would nominate me for sainthood. Although given what I already do for him and my washing-machine phobic son I'm amazed he hasn't already. Or perhaps he has and my halo is still in the post.

Miss Australia invited me down and when I asked the cost of a dozen plastic sleeves she said in a voice that would melt snow "Ah - just bring some coins for the biscuit jar". Not that she will have seen much snow in her homeland I'm guessing.

Off I set and after a wee bit of searching I found the place. There were more twists and turns on the industrial estate than the hiker's path up Ayres Rock. But they don't call me Crocodile Dundee for nothing (actually they don't call me that at all) and tenacity is my middle name.

On pushing open the door I spotted a Nicole Kidman look alike folding a large pair of curtains. Even more gorgeous was the Hugh Jackman double in a side office on his computer. Never has laundry been this glamorous! Atop the counter sat a jar of caramels. A young lady with an industrial sized iron was singing along to the radio. I have no idea if she's Australian too but hey music, film stars AND free toffee? It just gets better and better!

Hugh and Nicole told me they opened a year ago. I have no idea why two Australians would want to start a business in a unit in Hexham - and a dry cleaning business at that. But as I left with my plastic covers and chewy caramels I am so pleased they did.

They put me in such a cheerful mood I had to restrain myself from humming Waltzing Matilda all the way home.

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KIDOLOGY

It's an unpalatable truth that we all get older.

What defines us how and whether we accept it.

Some - like me - acknowledge the wrinkles (sorry I mean laughter lines) grey hair (the colour du jour apparently) and the loss of memory, loss of memory. Oh and the loss of memory.

Others rush to Hold Back Time (Cher by song and Cher by example) with face lifts, butt lifts and brow lifts. Hopefully she still has enough money left for a Stannah Stair lift when her time comes. After decades of twerking and grinding she may need one sooner than she thinks.

Normal people would think vanity and denial of ageing are the preserves of Hollywood elite. But sadly no. Everyone and anyone is fallible. A famous pharmaceutical company - no not the fabulous Haydon Bridge chemist - preying on these failings has produced a 'Wonder' cream. And surprise surprise, sane women (and men too I'm guessing) are queuing round the block to get their gnarled hands on the stuff.

Apart from me. Because firstly I can't stand long in a queue before my legs give way, secondly I don't buy into the hype and thirdly I'm already very beautiful. Or I was when I looked in the mirror this morning. My failing sight mercifully meant I could only see a vague outline and two big spots. Which I'm presuming were eyes and not the onset of adolescent acne.

But tragic as I find all this youth-chasing to be, the television adverts from said pharmaceutical company are unintentionally hilarious. Less hilarious is that in 2014 women are still portrayed as silly vacuous idiots. Showing nothing has really changed since the first ever UK ad in the 1950's when a daft blonde is seen brushing her teeth with gusto and Gibbs SR - a glazed expression of unsurpassed joy across her face. It must have been a marvellous product if it no longer exists!

But yesterday's ad for the so-called Wonder Cream had me reaching for the tissues (and the industrial pack of Tena-Ladies - just in case). As I howled with laughter even the pup looked up from his beloved Frolics to see what was amiss.

There on the screen were a group of (overpaid) women. The byline told us this was them "6 weeks ago". All were looking forlornly into a mirror as they pulled their mature skin this way and that. One woman raised her eyebrows and despaired at the lines this produced across her forehead. I'd have despaired if it hadn't - could be the early signs of a stroke! Another bemoaned a slight crow's foot by her 54 year old eyes.

Cue 6 weeks and a tube of Miracle Cream later. The cameras show the same women looking in a mirror and gasping in unrestrained joy and astonishment whilst hugging themselves in sheer disbelief. Try as I might I couldn't see any difference whatsoever apart from that they looked six weeks older and sixteen quid poorer.

One deluded woman screamed "They've gone. They've GONE!!!" whilst another gasped "Oh my God they've all disappeared!" I thought at first they were referring to their marbles but no, it seems their lines had vanished together with any lines of reasoning. Whether this was due to the advertising agency script or the gossamer scarf over the cameramen's lens is anyone's guess.

I give up. On the subject of passing time that's 3 minutes I'll never get back. And it increased my lines too. My laughter lines. I'd better rush out and join that blooming queue....

Mavis Clutterbucket

Ed. It is an ill kept Hollywood secret that there is a short term 'cure' for wrinkles—haemorrhoid cream! Please don't try it!

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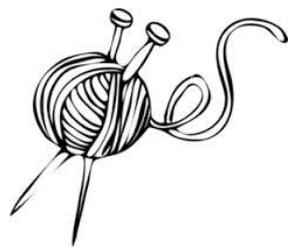
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I have been a crafter for as long as I can remember, being taught as a very young child by my mother, grandmother and aunt, who were all very creative.

I have always loved the creative process and find it to be a soothing and peaceful thing to do, no matter how small a project you embark on. It is my earnest belief that everyone can be creative whether it's cooking a fabulous meal or making a summer dress or knitting a dishcloth. To this end, I offer classes at my Design Studio, starting with the most basic knitting and crochet skills for the absolute novice right through to various more complicated techniques such as cable and Fair Isle. I even offer one to one classes in finishing techniques, so that once a beautiful garment is made, the project is sewn together and finished professionally to give the best results.

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SEE 'WHAT'S ON' FOR KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY!

Latest Report from The Haydonian Golf Society

Bellingham was the venue for the Spring Outing for the members of The Haydonian Golf Society.

Fourteen players enjoyed a wonderful day with blue skies and an abundance of sunshine - proved by some rather glowing features displayed by those with a lack of thatch!

Spirits were high but scores were low, although winner Adam Murphy carded a 33 with James Haymer in second place with 30 points. James also won the longest drive and nearest the pin was won by Jack Newman.

Recording another personal best was Dave Coxon who managed a score reaching double figures - I must also add that Dave was only narrowly beaten to nearest the pin, his slightly wayward drive hit a fence and landed five yards from the pin whereupon he entertained the following group with his own version of a victory dance and salute! (Premature but hilarious).

Others taking part were Craig Stanners, Mark Sadler, Ray Richardson, Steve Newman, Mick (King Leek) Smith, Alan Baker, Ronnie Youngman, John Craig, John Carr and Joyce Gilbertson.

16th August is the date set for the Claret Jug Competition - the venue is yet to be decided.

Joyce Gilbertson



Limericks

A dozen, a gross, and a score,
Plus three times the square root of four,
Divided by seven,
Plus five times eleven,
Is nine squared plus zero, no more.

There was a young woman named Bright
Whose speed was much greater than light.
She set out one day
In a relative way
And returned the previous night.

There was a young man from Peru,
Whose limericks all stopped at line two.

There was a young man from Verdun ...

Ed. I thought that the last one was particularly poignant.

SHAFTOE TRUST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another summer term is well underway and Mrs Woodward, our new Headteacher, is settling well into life at Shaftoe Trust Primary School.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS:

Kielder Class (Year 3) have enjoyed another exciting weekend at Hawkthirst Scout camp on the banks of Kielder reservoir. They experienced canoeing, archery, orienteering and visited the Birds of Prey centre at Leaplish.

At the end of June Year 4 children are travelling to Wastwater in the Lake District to engage in a variety of outdoor activities.

This is closely followed by our small group of Year 5 students who are setting off for the bright lights of London.

MR HOPPER DAYS:

Once again Mr Hopper has been working with children throughout school.

Children in the Early Years Unit visited Allenbanks and had a great time building dens and exploring their local environment. Year 1 children travelled to St Mary's Lighthouse to explore seashore habitats and returned to school with lots of shells which they used to create beautiful picture frames. Year 3 pupils have been investigating rocks and soils and creating a series of homemade volcanic eruptions.

In June Year 2 are at Allenbanks to for a project called 'Plan M' which involves working as a team to complete a programme of survival skills.

STORY TELLING:

Students in Year 4 and 5 have been working with Pat Renton who is a member of the story telling group A Bit Crack. They joined in a walk along the banks of the river at Bardon Mill and onto Beltingham church yard for tales of the old yew tree. The pupils will now play a role in the planned public performances.

ECO ACTIVITIES:

On Thursday 15th May, Fiona Knox from the North Pennines AONB delivered a whole school assembly about an exciting new project 'Wild Watch'. Parents, children and staff have been invited to look out for specific animals and plants in the local environment then the children will collect the data and enter it onto the 'Wild Watch' website.

SUMMER FAIR.

Saturday 28th June 10.00—12.00

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Children's Corner:

Bookstart for the 0-4 year olds is coming on well with the result that many younger children (and babies) are using the books in the library-there is quite a selection. Please, remember to bring your child's "passport" with you so that a record of their "reading" is kept and thus they can receive their certificates, when the appropriate number of books has been completed.

Archives:

The most recent addition to the Archives is a fine selection of photographs concerning the 1992 Torch appeal and the events that took place at that time. Several people have already volunteered their memories to this day but please, do come into the Bridge and have a look for yourself and give your input into this piece of recent history. Incidentally, the Bridge has received an e-mail from someone who accesses the Haydon Bridge website congratulating the team concerned and full of praise for the "reader friendly" presentation of it. Personally, I think that is tremendous praise.

Car parking discs:

These discs, which allow you to park free in Hexham are still available free at the Bridge, if you need one.

Haydon Hundred:

As you know the Haydon Hundred takes place on Saturday, 7th June. The cycle event commences and finishes at the Bridge. Do come out into Church Street and support it. Last year was a great day with cyclists here from all over the UK and parts of Europe.

Activities at the Bridge during

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Wednesday 9 July "Poetry Reading" 10am-12 noon

Thursday 10 July "Play reading" 10am-12noon

There is a £2 reservation fee as sessions have limited spaces. So, please, book early at the Bridge or by phoning 01434 688 658 (Bridge); 684505 (Eileen); 684994 (Averil).

Bridge opening times:

Summer opening hours start with a Thursday session from 1pm-4pm beginning Thursday, 12th June.

Other opening times:

Monday: 9am – 12 noon

Tuesday: 1pm – 4pm

Wednesday: 1pm – 4pm

Friday: 4pm – 6:30pm

Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Finally, when the Haydon Bridge Development Trust made the decision to form a Community Access Library rather than our County Library be closed forever, the Development Committee expected the Library (the Bridge) to be self funded after 10 years. The official opening of the Bridge was Friday 21 May 2010. Last year, we are all very pleased to announce that the Bridge made a small profit. Many thanks to all of you who support the Bridge in so many different ways.

Happy reading ...

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Haydon Bridge Pharmacy

Suspicious Telephone Calls

There have been reports in the area recently of suspicious telephone calls. The caller claims to be part of the National Health Pharmacy Initiative which is offering to order prescriptions on behalf of you. You may be asked for information relating to your medication, GP practice, date of birth etc.

The caller has been telling people that the GP practice is aware of the initiative and they are supporting them to reduce their workload. This has not been corroborated by the GP practices where affected patients are registered. The calls appear to originate from an 0845 number.

The North of England Commissioning Support for the NHS is currently liaising with CCG Local Counter Fraud specialists in the affected areas with enquiries currently ongoing. The police have also been informed.

If someone does call you try to obtain the full company name, address, pharmacy registration number and the Lead pharmacists name and General Pharmaceutical Council registration number.

Pass these details on to me in the pharmacy and I will pass them on to the relevant authorities.

If you believe you may have signed up to this suspicious scheme call at pharmacy or your surgery and we will advise you as to how to leave the scheme if you want to.

If you are having any problems in ordering, or obtaining your medicines let me know and I can review your situation to see what we can do to help you. Remember we do offer a free prescription delivery service.

Delivery Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our delivery survey. The winner of the draw for £70 vouchers for food at the Carts Bog in Langley has received their vouchers. We are in the process of reviewing all the responses and are delighted with your feedback.

We will be taking steps in the coming months to further improve the service you get from our pharmacy. If you have any comments about how we can improve and make your life easier please get in touch with me either via e-mail tom@hbpharmacy.co.uk, phone 01434 684354 or come into the pharmacy to speak to me.

We are determined to make Haydon Bridge Pharmacy the best in the North East and appreciate your support in doing this. If you do value our service please do tell your friends and relatives as we would be happy to help them as well.

Tom McCullough

Haydon Bridge Pharmacy Owner and Pharmacist

SONGS FROM STAGE AND SCREEN

Saturday 5th July

7pm – 9.30pm

St. Cuthbert's Church

Listen to some of your favourite songs from the stage and screen, sung by ensembles and soloists.

£5 inc. a light supper

FILM NIGHT IN THE HAVELOCK

Monday 7th July

7pm start

Commemorating 100 years since the start of WW1, come and enjoy the classic film

Oh What a Lovely War!

with supper for **just £8**

WIZARD OF OZ

Thursday 10th July

7pm-9pm

Community Centre

The students from Dilston College bring us this colourful, fun filled family show.

Adult £5/Child £3
Refreshments available

FOLK NIGHT IN THE HAVELOCK

Tuesday 8th July

8pm-10.30pm

Enjoy a night of traditional music, humour and refreshments

Adult £8/Child £5



Performing Arts Festival

5th - 12th July 2014

GHOST WALK AND MEAL

Sunday 6th July

5.15pm – 10.30pm at

Langley Castle

Come along to a night of ghostly mystery; search the castle for clues and solve the challenges facing Holmes and Watson

while enjoying a **3 course meal**

Only £25

SING-A-LONG WITH JOHNNY HANDLE ON PIANO

The General Havelock

Tuesday 8th July

2-3pm

Free

donations welcome

Lunch available – booking advisable

COMEDY CLUB NIGHT

In the Haydonian

Friday 11th July

8pm - late

Top comedians including BBC sitcom Hebburn's Stefan Peddie

Just £10

LIVE MUSIC & BBQ

Saturday 12th July

From 7pm

Come and enjoy the last night of the Performing Arts Festival in

The Anchor

Details tbc

LIVE MUSIC IN THE RAILWAY

Sunday 6th July

Relax with friends while listening to great live music

Details tbc

FAMILY PICNIC WITH FUN AND GAMES

Saturday 12th July

1pm-4pm

Shaftoe Primary School Walled Garden

Get the whole family, friends and neighbours together and bring a picnic to the Walled Garden. There'll be lots of entertainment for active children while you sit and soak up the sun [hopefully].

Entrance Fee: a donation

These are a few of the events that will be happening during the Performing Arts Festival week.

There are more, especially during the day so we hope you'll find something to enjoy.

Next month you'll get the complete programme delivered with your

Haydon News.

TICKETS: CLAIRE'S NEWSAGENTS, 'THE BRIDGE' LIBRARY AND AT MOST VENUES.

SOME EVENTS ARE LIMITED NUMBERS SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.