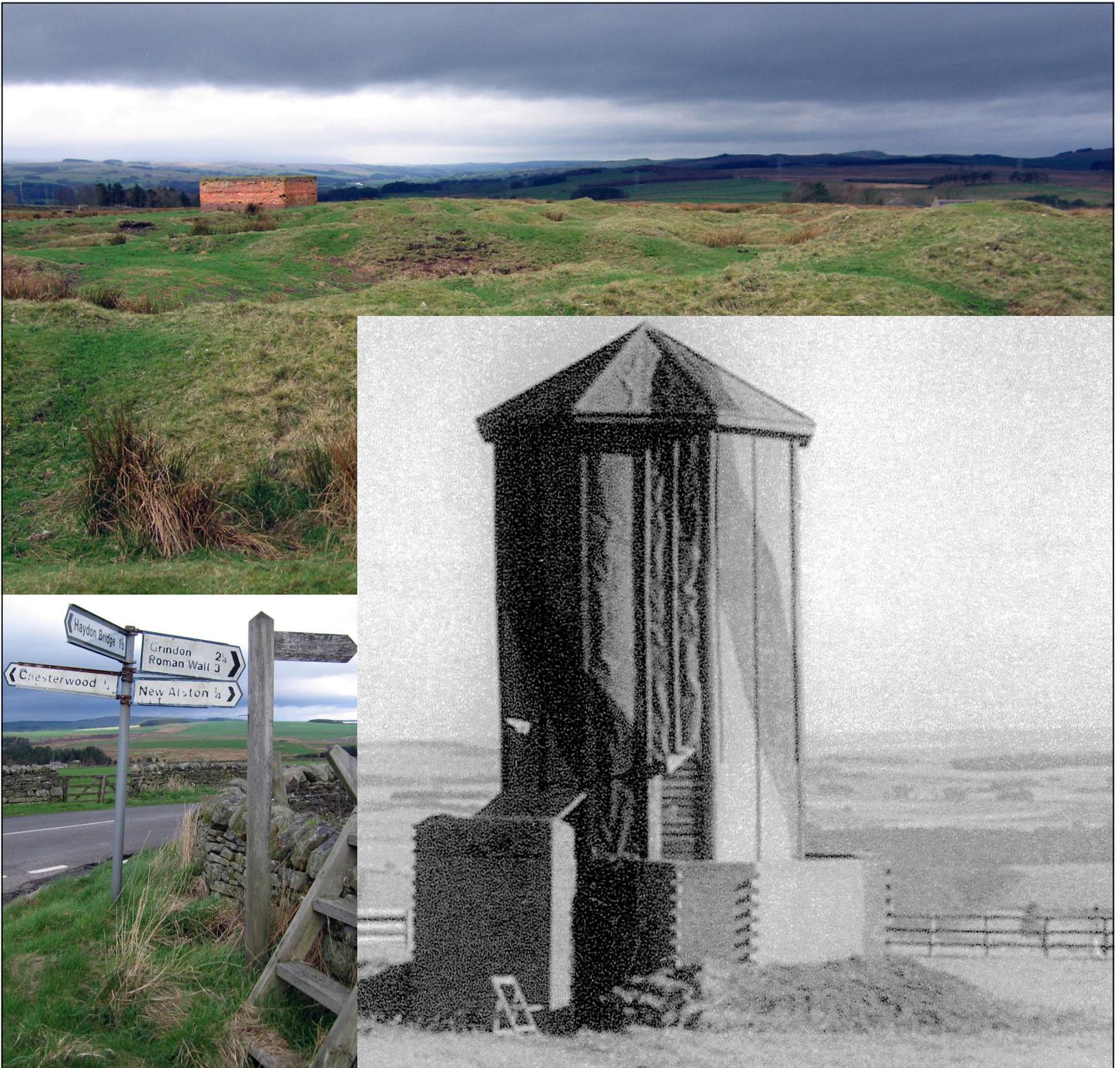




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The brick base of a Second World War observation tower, abandoned before completion, looks out from the fell and below a brooding sky to the west. Thanks to John Wardle, we have a photograph of the historic observation post in its final position on Haydon Fell, above and to the east of New Alston.

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# EDITORIAL

The Haydon News resembles a pantomime horse and, in saying this, I am not making a tangential reference to the rifle bolt precision with which this triumph of desktop publishing makes it's appearance before its eager readership each month.

It is a publication of two halves.

Dennis Telford occupies the front half of the beast, the noble horse's head, with his very carefully researched and highly detailed Historical Notes that are now so extensive that I am hoping they will turn into a book at some point.

I occupy the beast's rear half, with the miscellany of other people's contributions, so that makes me the horse's...

Passing swiftly on!

Some seriously good news - for a change!

The Haydon Bridge Youth Club is relaunched - see page 13. Young people are, often unfairly, blamed for some community problems when the problem is, in fact, the community not making provision for them. Young people are as much integral parts of our community as are the grumpy oldies - our community belongs to all of us.

We are all in it together! Please give HBYC your support. Go along & join in.

The Haydon Bridge Social Wedding of the Year is coming up soon and I can report that the bride's dress is scandalously revealing!

I caught a quick flash half way up the North Bank. I do hope that the greatest possible number of people will put in an appearance at the event.

Haydon Fell Cottage appears in Dennis' contribution this month. It's that crazily romantic ruin on the hilltop by New Alston - the one that makes you want to stride over the foggy moors shouting 'Heathcliffe!'

Many years ago I met and cared for the last person to be born there. He used to sit in his car at the New Alston cross roads, staring down the valley with a wistful expression on his face. It is that sort of view.

Today I invited a local farmer to contribute a piece entitled 'Why I love lambing!' I regret to report that I am unable to publish her reply - and such a refined lady too!

Some years ago I was privy, from a good furlong hence, to a long, wide ranging, highly colourful and fluently vernacular commentary by another local farmer, concerning the sheep he was tending - their parentage, personality, proclivities and anatomical attributes.

Clearly, local sheep are living lives of untrammelled lubricity, unbeknownst to ordinary folk. But then, at these latitudes, the nights are long and it does get very foggy on the moors...

What is it about sheep and farmers?

We won't mention the Welsh...

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On the evening of 24th May, at 7.30, the Haydon Parish Council made it's annual civic progress to the Langley village hall.

Initially it seemed likely that the meeting would be held in the car park but the keys materialised and the meeting began.

Before the main business of the evening was transacted a short presentation was made to the council by Julie Humes, a Youth Team leader. She described the work of herself and her colleague, Amey Henry, in re-establishing the Haydon Bridge Youth Club.

Two sessions are run each week in the Community Centre, to which about twenty young people make their way regularly. The sessions and the activities offered are continuing to develop as the weeks go by. At the time of speaking, she related, a treasure hunt was in progress.

The sessions appear to be being well received by the young people. A request has been made for the arrangement of a residential summer event—for which donations are being sought.

Turning to the future: an external review is currently underway of the entire Youth Service. As far as is known the current arrangements are secure until August.

A proposal has been made for the establishment of a Youth Charity, whose remit would include Allendale, Haydon Bridge and Bellingham. The prospects for private funding sources are being investigated.

### **Public Participation.**

A verbal report concerning litter in a lay-by near The Carts Bog Inn had been received. Cllr. Sharp had already investigated the problem and sent word to the litter clearance teams.

A near-miss collision between a small child and a car in Church Street prompted the suggestion of a 20mph limit. It was felt that this was unlikely to be possible.

### **NCC.**

Cllr. Sharp was unable to report any progress on the question of the East Land Ends junction parking and access problems. The officer in question has broken both wrists and is away from work for some weeks.

Consultation on the issue will continue in due course.

Cllr. Sharp also reported that repair works were continuing on roads in the more rural areas of the parish. He also noted that a sign at the junction of the Whitfield and Langley roads had been hoed into the beck and would require reinstatement.

Roads at West Elrington are currently under repair and the Tedcastle/Ridley road had had its repairs completed.

The Church Street drains have had their annual maintenance but a single blocked gully remained problematic. The matter is being pursued. The drains elsewhere on North Bank are now satisfactory.

The parking provision for the residents of Victoria Terrace remains problematic and responses from the parties involved are slow to emerge. Whereas when the planning permission for the area to the south of Victoria Terrace was originally granted, provision for parking was included and agreed by the Highways Officer. Subsequently, a rereading of the germane regulation, raised doubts concerning the legality and enforceability of the requirement for the developer to make the desired provision.

It was noted that the recent erection of a fence had gone some way toward creating a parking area. Overall, the situation remains unresolved and unsatisfactory. Discussions continue.

Cllr. Sharp reported that his survey of the parish roads continues.

He was also delighted to report that the AD122 bus service has been saved—for now.

### **Highways.**

Repairs to the partly demolished Armco barrier on the Newbrough road are in hand.

The Hordley Acres sign remains down.

Vehicle activated speed signs at the west end of Haydon Bridge are awaited.

The Spa Well gate is locked at the request of the police, following the escape of livestock onto the road.

That this may create difficulties for walkers, especially the elderly and infirm, was noted. Discussion ensued about the appearance of misleading warning signs about electric fences and locked gates across public rights of way. It was noted that it is every land owner's responsibility to ensure safe and unobstructed access along recognised rights of way.

Roadside ditching has been done in the neighbourhood of Langley.

Belmont Gardens lane is in a very poor condition. Cllr. Sharp will pursue the matter.

### Lighting.

On the question of additional street lighting near Station Cottages it was noted that this is a private road for which, ordinarily, private provision would have to be made. The suggestion was offered that residents and others with an interest in the matter could act together and make a joint petition to the Highways Authority for special consideration.

Failed and malfunctioning lights on Greenwich Gardens were reported.

### Planning.

An application to build a pair of semi-detached houses on a small plot adjacent to Belmont House was received and considered at some length.

Concern had been expressed by other residents that a pre-existing propensity for surface water flooding to occur in the area, following even modest rainfall, might be made worse by the new build development proposed.

Moreover, the current and potential difficulties of access onto North Bank were apparent to councillors. The desirability of a formal flood risk and access assessment was noted. The council chose to Object to the application.

### Accounts.

The disbursements recorded on the agenda were agreed.

### Correspondence.

The request for the use of land adjacent to Inner Haugh for a play area was considered. That the Parish Council was not able to donate the land was noted. The desirability of the use of covenants on the land, to control future use, was discussed and caution in progressing the matter urged upon the council.

The perennial problem of dog faeces was again raised.

**On this occasion, in contrast to the normal pervasive despair, a mood of positive levity gripped the members, one and all. It was reported that the Dog Warden had been present in the parish and had successfully apprehended a negligent dog owner and had issued a £75 fine! The hope was expressed that further fines would start to bring the problem under control.**

### Parish Projects.

The forthcoming Haydon Cycling event in June was mentioned and received enthusiastic comment.

An LAG meeting had occurred at Bardon Mill with fair attendance. More meetings are planned. Priorities are being sought for the allocation of future funds. Those with hopes of receiving funding in the next round should make haste to prepare and present their plans.

The Larkin plaque has yet to be put in place.

### AOB.

Large and impressive notices, aimed at dog owners, were shown to the council. These are to be erected around the parish to reinforce the messages about clearing up after dogs.

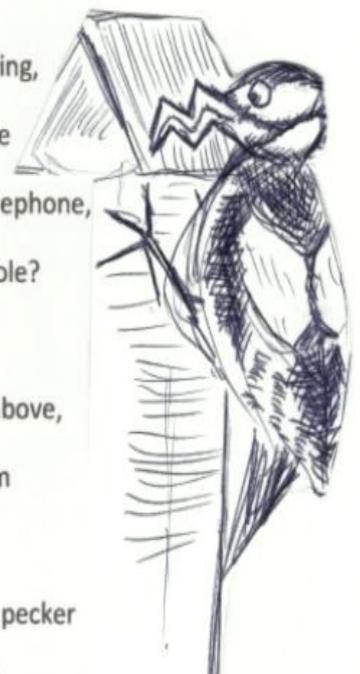
The desirability of further grass cutting at the entrances to the village was discussed. That the wide sweeping expanses of grass either side of the bypass junctions would benefit from more extensive attention was agreed. Various options were discussed and will be investigated.

More bark is required in the play areas. Volunteers will monitor the situation.

The unfinished nature of the tree pruning/pollarding on Church Street was discussed. Apparently, the contractors had been unable to finish the task in the allotted time but they plan to return and complete the task, thus regularising the appearance of the trees, before much longer.

## Mrs. Grumpole's Nature Notes.

I heard a noise this morning,  
It was coming from a pole  
The one that's for the telephone,  
Now who would drill a hole?  
Then I saw the reason,  
A woodpecker perched above,  
Braying on that Tom-tom  
For a lady bird to love.  
But that greater spotted pecker  
Must be feeling rather ill,  
The metal was so very hard he's got a crumpled bill!



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**The first meeting of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Industrial Society was held on Saturday March 20th 1875 and a Store was opened on Ratcliffe Road. By December 1886 a healthy Society was looking for more appropriate premises and on Saturday April 7th 1888, the public opening of a new Store on Shaftoe Street, on the South Side at Haydon Bridge, was held.**

Haydon Bridge's new Co-operative premises, with a street frontage of 33 feet and extending back 40 feet, were described in 1888 as occupying an excellent site and consisting of a large and substantially built stone building (26 feet by 27 feet), and although it was noted that there 'is little or no ornamentation about the exterior', it had excellent frontage to the street and was 'a decided acquisition to the place'. The principal entrance from the street led into 'a large and commodious shop with a counter running around three sides of it'; the counter tops were of mahogany and the rest of the woodwork 'of the best kind'. Behind the shop was built a large warehouse (12 feet by 27 feet) with storage area, all accessed by double doors, for the loading and despatching of goods. A 'very large storeroom' above the shop was also intended to be used as a place for meetings of the Society.

The employees were not forgotten in the planning of the new shop and, with a hoist from the ground floor to the upper floor, the 'labour of the employees would be lightened'.

The architect of the building was J.W. Hetherington of Toft House, Haydon Bridge and the contractors were: Masonry, Messrs W. and R. Davison; Joinery, W. B. Charlton; Plumbing, J. Short; fixtures and fittings, E. Henderson; - all of Haydon Bridge. Plastering was by W. Barker of Brampton and W. Charlton of Hexham undertook the slating.

The official opening proceedings on Saturday April 7th 1888, commenced with a luncheon in the new premises attended by Sir Edward Grey M.P., and after the luncheon there was a large attendance at a public meeting held in the Oddfellows' Hall. T.W. Benson of Allerwash was in the chair and supporting him on the platform were: Sir Edward Grey M.P., W.R. Benson, W. Brown, T. A. Stephenson of West Mill Hills, Joseph Lee of Land Ends, and the new

building's architect, J.W. Hetherington.

The chairman, T.W. Benson, outlined the history of the Haydon Bridge Society and pointed out, to much applause, that profits divided among the members since 1875 had been £2,500, besides putting away £100 as a reserve fund. The cost of the 'grand building adjoining the Oddfellows Hall', the cottages and the land, was about £680.

The chairman praised the, 'sobriety and industry of the working classes of the district that they had been able, out of their slender earnings, to achieve such good results', and he expected that their continuing sobriety and energy would lead to an increase in business, and that improving trade would lead to more members and further prosperity.

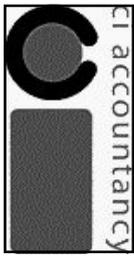
Mr Benson expressed: "... no doubt that among the industrial classes the co-operative movement had proved a most excellent one, for it enabled them all to take care of the small sums, and they all knew the old saying that if they looked after the pence the pounds would look after themselves. What might seem a trifling sum that they received as a discount at an ordinary place in a week - too small to put away in a savings bank - with the Co-operative store these small sums were collected, and by the end of six months they amounted to quite a respectable sum ... a sum they were more likely to put away for a rainy day than if it was only a small amount."

Sir Edward Grey M.P. was next to speak:

"It was a great feat for Haydon Bridge to be opening new premises in such bad times as these; but they were doing something else, they were closing their old premises. Many people were doing the latter but they were not building new ones to take the place of the old ones. If they could build new premises at the end of a period of such depression as they had just passed through, what would they be able to do in good years? If they went on like that, in a few years time no period of depression, however severe or however trying, would be able to break their Society or stop the good work it was doing."

Sir Edward concluded his speech by expressing an opinion that: "Man was worthy of the best praise and of the greatest amount of honour who had not only the good will to help the needy, but had the faith to trust them and the energy to co-operate with them."

Following votes of thanks and 'hearty cheers', the meeting, and the events planned to inaugurate the new Haydon Bridge Co-operative premises were over and, by April 28th 1888, Thomas Watson and Joseph Brown were off to Newcastle to buy goods to stock the new premises which would be ready to open for business in May 1888.



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The Store committee members who were in place to take the organisation forward in its new premises included: Joseph Brown, William Dickinson, Anthony Gill, Thomas Hardman, Adam Henderson, J.W. Hetherington, John Johnson, Thomas Lowdon, John Lowery, John Tailford, John Thirlwell, John Varty, Thomas Watson, George Weir and Thomas Wilkinson.

The Haydon Bridge Store manager in 1888 was Mr. George Parker.

**My history of the Haydon Bridge Co-operative Industrial Society will continue next month. In the meantime, join me on a short journey towards the north of our parish.**

## KNOW YOUR PARISH

The 'Great North Road' - a presumptuous title, perhaps, for a thoroughfare within the small parish of Warden - was named by those who enclosed our common lands, and particularly Grindon Common, in the late eighteenth century. This main road ran from the end of the bridge at Haydon Bridge - along Bridge Loaning as today's Church Street was called in those far off days - from where it rose steeply to Tofts farm and then followed the undulations of the terrain like a switchback, to the Military Road.

Three east and west enclosure roads branched off

this main artery:

-Lime Road: from north of Tofts eastward to Nunsbush and Causeway Road, or Stanegate.

-Haresby Road: from Hall Bank westward.

-Causeway Road: following the line of the Roman Stanegate.

Other minor enclosure roads were:

-Hill House Road: north to join Haresby Road.

-Prior House Road: east to join Hill House Road.

-Haydon Road: north from Haydon, to join the Lime Road.

-Netley Hole Road: to join the Great North Road - of which there seems to be no trace remaining.

-Heugh House Road: from Heugh House, east to the Great North Road.

-Chesterwood Road: from Chesterwood Fell gate, east to the Great North Road.

Incidentally, you will notice that our main enclosure road has been devalued, somewhat, on the Ordnance Survey maps today, where the road from Haydon Bridge to the Military Road has been downgraded and in modern times is simply, 'North Road'. Its history cannot be erased by a few cartographers, however!

To get to know a little more about our parish today, I will follow the road eastward towards the Roman Stanegate, starting at the junction our later forbears named 'New Alston crossroads'.

Before setting out on the journey along this route of the Lime Road, I suggest you turn at the crossroads and look to the south west. On a clear day, with the sun in the right art, is this not one of the finest natural aspects in Northumberland?

Northumbrian authoress and my father's cousin, Nancy Ridley, pronounced the view south and west from below Peel Well as the finest in the county, as I awake to it every morning I'm not about to disagree, but the big sky and wide view from the New Alston crossroads, south west of Chesterfield and beyond, must come a close second.

**But now, it's onwards towards the cottages at New Alston.**

Today the road is metalled, or of tar macadam, but it still displays characteristics to be found in all the eighteenth century enclosure roads that provided access to, and across, the common:

-The roads had to be at least forty foot wide exclusive of ditches.

-No gate was to be erected across these access roads.

-Trees if planted had to be at least fifty yards apart.

-Watering places (for driven cattle) had to be provided.

The cost of the access roads across the common was shared; the charges for the roads were met by the

landowners who had been allocated the enclosed allotments within the common, and the roads' future upkeep was allocated to the appropriate township or quarter.

Within a few hundred yards of the crossroads, the remains of a Second World War observation post are visible to the north. Built to house those whose responsibility it was to keep our parish safe and provide early warning of any enemy approach, I'm told it was soon realised that the structure was built in the wrong place, lacking an ideal view eastward. The look out post was never roofed in although it was covered by a tarpaulin, apparently, and it was soon abandoned for a new construction on a more appropriate site, on the brow of the hill on the fell above the Haydon - New Alston road junction.

Our next stop is at the New Alston cottages; this hamlet and much of the surrounding land was in the ownership of Greenwich Hospital until the Hospital Governors decided to dispense with part of their Northern Estates in the late nineteenth century.

New Alston was offered for sale as part of Langley Barony Estate, on Tuesday the 31st day of October 1882, at the Queens Head Hotel, Newcastle upon Tyne. Earlier sales had taken place in the Anchor Inn at Haydon Bridge, but because the prime Lot of Langley Castle and its farm was included in 1882, the auction was held in Newcastle where it was more likely to attract prospective bidders from outside the region for this highly recommended Lot.

New Alston was for sale as part of the East Mill Hills Farm Lot, along with Plunderheath, Altonside, Fell Cottage and Haydon Fell, and included six stone and slated cottages in a terrace, each containing living room and pantry below, and one bedroom over. The cottages were let in 1882 to: I. Bowman, John Stokoe, Elizabeth Rumney, William Heslop, Thomas Dodd and Jacob Rumney; each paying the rent of £5 per year. The gardens and piggeries opposite were also included in the sale.

The pair of stone and slated cottages opposite, with gardens at the rear, were also auctioned in 1882 and were advertised as 'let on lease to the representatives of John Dixon for a term of sixty years from 1860'. The ground rent was £1 per year with a further rent of two shillings a year for an 'inclosure'.

The auctioneer's reserve price for the East Mill Hills Lot was not reached during the bidding and was sold privately after the public sale had been concluded. Further research is necessary to determine who bought this Lot in 1882.

I do know, however, that in the 1940s, all the houses and land at New Alston were bought by Jack Veitch of the nearby farm of 'Cruel Syke'. - A wonderful name that recalls a not so wonderful period in our

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history, when the burn or syke between Haydon and Haydon Church, down past Pagecroft, ran red with the blood of those who took part in an ancient affray.

Jack Veitch's daughter, Evelyn, has happy memories of New Alston as a young girl and as a young lady.

Evelyn recalls driving her father's cows from Cruel Syke after milking, to their land at New Alston while riding her bicycle and, when she married Doug Tait in 1958, they set up their first home together at No.7 New Alston. Evelyn and Doug's neighbours, in No.8, were John and Joy Grey and other residents Evelyn recalls in the 1950s include: Tom Jackson in No.1; Nathan Hewitt and his sister Nellie in No.2 - Nathan married Newcastle Chief Constable Fred Crawley's daughter from Hill House; the Stokoe family in No.3; Mrs Charlton, the mother of Edmund Charlton - a friend of Haydon Bridge although born just outside the parish - lived in No.4; and the Routledge family, who had previously lived at Plunderheath, were in No.5.

Others who have occupied the pair of houses, No's 7 and 8, include the Marshall family; and Christine, Duncan, Helen, and Malcolm Gurney together with their parents. Duncan was a good friend with whom I spent many happy hours after school, as a nine and ten year old, rambling in the nearby countryside. A two mile walk to New Alston after school, following the well worn track up the Catholic Church fields to the Tofts and beyond - and back after our escapades - was never a hardship in those days. When Duncan passed the Grading Exam, continuing his education in the north of the county, I was disappointed that my friend was leaving our village school, however, I wasn't to know then that many more friends would soon be joining us from all over Northumberland, as part of Edward Waite's educational project. And, of course, there were many local children with whom I grew up and shared childhood and teenage years that I'm convinced could not have been happier.

When Doug and Evelyn Tait moved out of No.7 with their children Melba and David, to live in Haydon Bridge, the house was occupied by Jimmy and Betty Harrison; Betty having previously been licensee of the Anchor Hotel.

Above New Alston to the north is the now derelict property of Haydon Fell Cottage and well known residents of this remote dwelling have included our parish's Reed and Robley families. Early access to the cottage was along a track from New Alston, on the north side of the main road, and past the gardens that belonged to the cottagers. Evelyn recalls that these gardens were a good source of income for the residents of New Alston, when they harvested their fruit and took it to Haydon Bridge to sell.

Today, Haydon Fell Cottage and its outbuildings are

a forlorn and lonely outpost on a bleak winter's day, the only sign of life a murder of crows that lift vertically from the half a dozen trees surrounding the dilapidated buildings as I approach; circling above as if on guard, - "caw! caw! caw!" - a warning to all around that a stranger is about. Picking my way across 'Rutherford's Fell', pitted with the remains of two old quarries, I use long displaced walling stones as stepping stones across the clarty ground and enter the now unkempt yard to the south of the buildings where families in earlier days were happy to make their home. Cosy in spring and in summer, no doubt, with nature as a neighbour, but my thoughts are of how the families coped during the winters of 1947 and 1963 when snow drifts were piled high over the door.



**Haydon Fell Cottage**

Back on the main road beyond New Alston, in the corner of the field at the junction between the New Alston Road, the eighteenth century Lime Road that continues to Lanehead and the Stanegate, and the road from Haydon, there lie the overgrown remains of a demolished lime kiln, where quick lime was produced through the calcination of limestone by heating before being spread as an improver on the land. (A well preserved triple lime kiln can be seen in our parish at Chesterwood, and a little further afield is English Heritage's four draw arch kiln at Crindledykes.)

At this junction, it is more than likely that John Wardle will acknowledge the walker with a cheery wave as he drives up from his farm at Haydon with tractor and trailer or muck spreader, motoring west to his out-by fields. It should be remembered that the features making up the beautiful countryside around us have not occurred by accident, but are due to generations of our farming families, managing nature's land in all seasons and all weathers six or seven days a week.

Visible to the north of the Haydon junction, on the fell, are the remains of a brick built cottage which provided a retreat for those who used the observation or look out tower; re-sited here from the New Alston cross roads, but long ago demolished. (See Front Cover)

You may find the road towards the Stanegate, from

the Haydon junction, in a worse condition today than it was in the eighteenth century; the characteristics of the enclosure road remain, however, and there is much to admire here: so please don't be put off walking at least a little way along this old lonnin.

When the common land of the parish was enclosed and divided into sustainable allotments, to bring the otherwise uncultivated land into productive use, it signalled the start of an agricultural revolution and, as well as building the roads and improving the land, our major landowners - principally Greenwich Hospital who took possession of the Barony after the Derwentwaters' demise in 1716 - recognised the benefits of repairing or rebuilding our dilapidated farm houses and buildings. Stone was essential for the project and the site of the Carrstones quarry, one of the largest of seven historic quarries that were made available for public use, is clearly visible from the Lime Road, where the overgrown mounds and hollows left by the quarry workers are home today to families of rabbits and grazing cattle.

Fell House is the first of two habitable dwellings on this eastern end of the Lime Road, and one that was the site of a sad event in August 1988 when its occupier and a fascinating character, one Capt. Hildebrand Green, chose to end his days on this earth. There seems little doubt that Captain Green planned his death to coincide with a regular delivery from Maurice Armstrong's grocery business on Church Street in Haydon Bridge. Normally, Maurice would have been the one to find the body on the morning of his delivery but, as it was, the Armstrong family were away that weekend and it was a shocked assistant Betty Johnson and her husband Jack, who were first on the scene of Captain Green's demise.

A right of way leads through the fields south, from opposite Fell House to the Thackey, or High House, above East Brokenheugh. Older residents might remember Stan Bowman living there, or perhaps Les and Doreen Wallace (nee Brown) who made it their home when first married.

Our former postman, Bill Foster, reflected on the rigours experienced delivering mail in earlier years when telling me that High House occasionally added a considerable amount of time and distance to his journey, when the occupier there had a daily paper delivered and the previous mail drop had been three miles away at Chesterfield cottages!

The enclosure roads were generally set out in a straight line and if they did need to deviate it seems that the bends were almost always angular. The Lime Road takes a ninety degree bend just over half a mile past Fell House and it is at this corner that a wonderful panorama of the countryside to the east awaits the walker on a bright day. The wood below,

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ahead and to the right, is Capons Cleugh through which the burn forming the eastern boundary of our Parish tumbles towards the River Tyne beyond East Brokenheugh. (Haydon Parish, confirmed as a separate endowment from its parent Warden in 1879, follows the general direction of Capons Cleugh in the east, Sewing Shields to the north, Whitechapel west, and Stublick and Coastley to the south.)

Much effort and capital was expended on eighteenth century farm reconstruction but also, from 1780, a substantial policy of woodland renewal was carried out by Greenwich Hospital and 14,700 young trees were planted at Capons Cleugh in 1782, 1784 and 1791. (1,600 fir trees, 3,900 larch, 2,200 sycamore, 1,600 beech, 3,000 elm, 1,000 poplar, 600 willow and 800 ash.) These young trees were described as part of 'a beautiful wood of natural species', during a Hospital Governors' visitation in 1805.



**A panorama to the east from the Lime Road.**

**Capons Cleugh is to the right with the Lime Road continuing towards Allerwash Fell Cottage on the left.**

Following the Lime Road into the deep Capons Cleugh dene and up and out again beyond the parish boundary, we come to Allerwash Fell Cottage; or simply, 'Fell Cottage' as shown on today's Ordnance Survey maps. This old herd's dwelling is beyond the Haydon Parish boundary and, therefore, outside my own remit for this parochial journey; and yet, it is a cottage worth a mention as Edmund Charlton, noted earlier in my tale as 'a good friend of Haydon Bridge', was born here before his mother moved to New Alston. Edmund has for many years been a subscriber and a contributor to The Haydon News. Edmund's father was an Allendale man who lived at Sinderhope and walked weekly, as had his father, from Sinderhope to Settlingstones to work in the mines there. It must have been a blessing when the Charlton family moved in early 1918 to the herding at Allerwash Fell, from where the old miner was able to walk the relatively short journey to Settlingstones.

**Sadly, Edmund Charlton died in January of this year, but I hope to return to his memories, as he recalled them in my company, in a future issue of The Haydon News. As for today, it's time to turn to our faces to the west and retrace our steps to the Great North Road, from where it's all down hill to Haydon Bridge, and home.**

## 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 seventh casualty, in 1917, was **Wallace Spark**

### ( 37 ) Wallace Spark



Photograph courtesy of Haydon Bridge Community Centre

Wallace served as Private, 28954, 13th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment. He died on 4th November 1917, aged 19.

Born in Haydon Bridge, one of two children of William Walton Spark and Hannah Spark (formerly Glendinning, nee Cowing).

Wallace lived in Haydon Bridge and worked at the Langley Barony Fire-clay and Brick Works.

He was mobilised on 15th February 1917 and went to France on 3rd August 1917.

As well as having his name on the War Memorial and the Reredos in St. Cuthbert's, Wallace is also commemorated on the Shaftoe Trust School Memorial.



**If you have any information relating to Wallace Spark, or any of those individuals on the Haydon Bridge Memorial, then please contact Pam & Ken Linge at: Drystone, Heugh House Lane, Haydon Bridge, NE47 6HJ, phone (01434) 684050 or email: [pam\\_ken.linge@btinternet.com](mailto:pam_ken.linge@btinternet.com).**

### News from California Allotments.

Trees and hedges with fresh green leaves and, at last, the soil has warmed up.

By the 12<sup>th</sup> of May potatoes, onions and all the seeds such as beetroot, parsnip and the cabbage family should all be in the ground now.

For the past 3 years I have had a bumper crop of French beans and sweet corn. Which I sow in 3 inch pots between the 25<sup>th</sup> April to 10<sup>th</sup> May in the greenhouse with a little heat on cold nights.

French beans are not like runner beans they do not have strings down the back of them which can wrap round your teeth when eating them.

In recent years sweet corn has very much improved, many of the cobs are about 9 inches long, bright yellow and very sweet.

I grow them through black polythene to keep the ground warm.

#### Greenhouse

Tomatoes should be in 4 inch pots now or if big enough planted out into the greenhouse border or like me in grow bags.

My cucumbers are very fast growing so I prefer to grow different types



so they are not all cropping at the same time.

Chilli peppers are opposite to cucumbers they are very slow growing plants, then in September they produce a mass of deep coloured chillies to put warmth into winter cooking.

This is a photo of one of the young allotment members Andrew Sim, his garden is admired by other allotment gardeners.

I am making this the last of my news from California Allotments as from now on it will be all go to be a winner at the village vegetable shows.

Peter Parker

## 1st HAYDON BRIDGE BROWNIES



Thanks to Haydon News reader and former Haydon Bridge Brownie, Jane Blaylock (nee Henderson), we are able to add the two names missing from the 1980 Brownie photograph published in April's issue.

On this photograph:

Top Row right: Anna Konig.

Middle Row right: Sheila Kennedy

Jane also points out two errors in our April caption: on the Bottom Row (right) here is Paula Storey (not Stacey) and next to Paula is Kerry Edwards (not her younger sister, Jill).

Brownie Owls, Betty and Ethel, knew who the girls were, of course, so it is me who has to apologise to Paula and Kerry for getting their names wrong.

Thank you Jane for your kind comments. Jane is top left in this 1980s photograph. DT

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## HAYDON BRIDGE YOUTH CLUB

**We are delighted to announce that Haydon Bridge Youth Club has re-launched and is now running on Thursday Evenings 6-8:30pm at Haydon Bridge Community Centre by Youth Workers Amey Henry and Claire Bennington.**

This is just what Haydon Bridge needed and we have been welcoming many young people who are glad that this service to be put on. We have been running since the February half term and we have had more and more young people each week now totalling to approx. 14 young people per session.

When asking the young people what having a youth club means for them they worked together to give Haydon Bridge's community this statement;

*"HB Youth Club is fun and exciting. We are able to hang out with our friends in a warm environment with a T.V, games and pool Table. We often get into trouble when we are out in Haydon Bridge, sitting at the train station or bus stop but we actually have nowhere to go. We don't like going to the park as there is young children playing, so where can we go?*

*HB Youth Club has given us the chance to have fun without getting told off. We don't mean to upset the members of the public by sitting around but what is there actually to do with our friends? We can't go in pubs, our parents don't like having a houseful of friends and we can't sit on the street.*

*We are upset that we may be losing our Youth Club if the council decide to cut the funding given as we will be back to the same situation. Being bored in Haydon Bridge has caused some offending behaviour but having the youth worker telling us what is right and wrong as well as having confidence in us is everything".*

Another young person said;

*"HB Youth Club gives me the chance to meet new people and make new friends. I don't go out in Haydon Bridge on nights as there is nothing to do. Being able to chill out with friends and make new friends while having fun and playing games is great".*

It is a delight to be giving the young people from Haydon Bridge and surrounding communities the ability to access this Youth Club. We are welcoming any new young people that would like to come along and are available to speak to any parents that would like to know a bit more information about what the youth club has to offer. Please just come and find us in the community centre on Thursday evenings.

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## The Bridge and Visitor Information Point

Now that Spring is officially here and the daffodils are in bloom in front of the Bridge, I'm pleased to say that the 2014 tourist leaflets are here in the foyer and, hopefully soon, the produce table will reappear. A facility, at the Bridge, which is being put to use much more frequently now is the photocopier. We've had two customers, in particular in the last few weeks, who were urgently requiring copies of documents and told me that I should let everyone know that a photocopier is available here.

### **Facebook and Twitter**

With the Haydon Bridge website expanding every week and the information there available around the globe, we are in need of a volunteer, who will inform media users of developments for "The Bridge", "Archives" and "Haydon Bridge Development Trust". Is there someone out there, who will help?

### **Haydon Hundred**

You will have seen the posters in the Bridge and around the village for the Haydon Hundred Cycling Event on 7<sup>th</sup> June. After the success of last year, the event will be larger this year but still a friendly gathering rather than huge numbers. As a result, more volunteers are needed: to man the various stations along the route; to promote the Haydon Hundred.

Anyone wishing to become involved, pop into the Bridge and leave your name and contact number. Bridge opening hours:

Monday: 9am – 12 noon  
Tuesday: 1pm – 4pm  
Wednesday: 1pm – 4pm  
Friday: 4pm – 6:30pm  
Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

### **Artist in Residence**

The artist in residence for the next two months is not one artist but several, some new and some old favourites but all local. The paintings reflect a real mixture of subjects.



## **Children's Corner**

Easter Crafts took place on 14<sup>th</sup>. April with a new and very welcome presenter: Andrea Jackson. Our numbers were very much depleted owing to the number of families taking early holidays. Nevertheless, the children had a very productive time making rabbit face masks plus a very colourful carrot for the rabbit to eat and an Easter egg with a surprise chick inside.

Once completed, the volunteer librarians ushered the group into the foyer for a little while and when the children returned to the main room, they had an Easter egg hunt to join in! Good fun for all!



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## A VIEW FROM UP THERE ....

*John Harrison*

There seems to be a rich vein of unfortunate or amusing church notices around so I'll continue with another to brighten up your spring weather. I think we know what a vicar meant when he posted this notice "Contact lens found in church: see vicar if you can". And then there was the book critic who responded to an author with "Thank you for sending me a copy of your latest book. I shall waste no time in reading it".

Spring seems to have sprung, and without wishing to tempt fate, it would appear that we have escaped with a relatively uneventful winter. March continued mild for a while but winter managed a few last bites. Although dry in the first half of the month, it was much wetter in the latter half.

The first 12 days were relatively mild with some long sunny periods but when night skies cleared temperatures fell, resulting in air frosts on the 11th and 12th. The same cloud conditions, however, brought the month's warmest two days, reaching 15.6 degC on the 12th. Fog and low cloud from the 13th heralded a change to colder and rather murky weather for a few days before milder conditions returned on the 17th, the temperature reaching 13.0 degC on the 19th. However, late on the 19th a deep depression resulted in gale force winds and a change to polar air. Blustery showers fell as hail on the 21st, followed by a significant fall of snow overnight, which lay in patches early on the 22nd. Snow and hail fell again on the 23rd but as the clouds cleared away the overnight temperature fell sharply, falling to -4.2 degC, the lowest of the year so far, by the morning of the 24th. As the wind went round to the east, conditions became cold and raw. The 28th was a particularly unpleasant day with continuous moderate rain and sleet all day. The relatively stable air resulted in a low cloud base with extremely poor visibility, dense fog persisting above 300 ft asl for much of the last three days.

As the days grow longer, the surface of the soil is beginning to warm up and dry out a little. But, as many of us know from experience, there is a lag of several weeks between the temperature of the soil surface and the temperature at quite shallow depths, because the soil is a poor conductor of heat, which in turn is dependent on the type of soil. Peaty soils conduct heat slowly while soils with clay and sand can conduct more quickly.

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
March 2014	9.6	+0.9	3.1	+0.5	52.8	82

And finally Gladys tells me about a friend of hers who was totally addicted to the Hokey Cokey. At every party, and in the pub of an evening, her voice would strike up "You put yer left foot in, yer left foot out ...." In most cases utter chaos ensued such that invitations to parties were arriving less frequently and she had been barred from most of her local pubs. Anyway, the other day she phoned Gladys to tell her that she had conquered her addiction. Her very words were "It was hard getting over my addiction but I've turned myself around and that's what it's all about".

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### CLERGY MESSAGE FROM:

*Rev. John Harrison*

As I look across the valley at this time of year, the new spring growth in the grass always seems to accentuate the pattern of fields. Farmers have been producing their crops from them for many generations, so when we look at the countryside around us we are seeing part of our history.

This was a past that was very different – when men and women worked the land with their hands and not with big machines. There is an imprint of tradition on the land. There are many places in the world where people still farm with their hands as they don't possess machines.

In that same landscape we see farmers working in their fields as we pass by. They are planting or tending the crops, or feeding the animals, that will be the food we shall be eating the months to come. So when we see the fields we are very much in the present, and we should be thankful for the fertility of the land and the labours of those who work upon it.

There are many places in the world where people can not produce their own food – because of war, poor soils and basic poverty.

The same fields will be producing the food of the future, which begs the question "Have we looked after the land so that it will be capable of giving us the food that we need?" In the short-term we wonder if this year's weather will be right for food-growing. Have we changed the climate?

If the old saying '*Is't on St Mary's bright and clear, fertile is said to be the year*' is true then this year promises little, as Lady Day (March 25th) was cloudy and dull with intermittent drizzle !! But when we look at the fields we are looking at our future.

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The names and phone numbers of the Clergy who minister in Haydon Bridge:

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So next time you look at the fields you are seeing the past, the present and the future at the same time – and you don't need a Tardis to do this sort of time-travelling.

Jesus was someone who existed in history – we can locate him on a timeline.

In the Gospels we hear of what he said and did during his short life. But he also exists in the here and now; he is with us always, in our everyday lives. He is also our future as he guides our pathway into God's kingdom.

*Rev. John Harrison*

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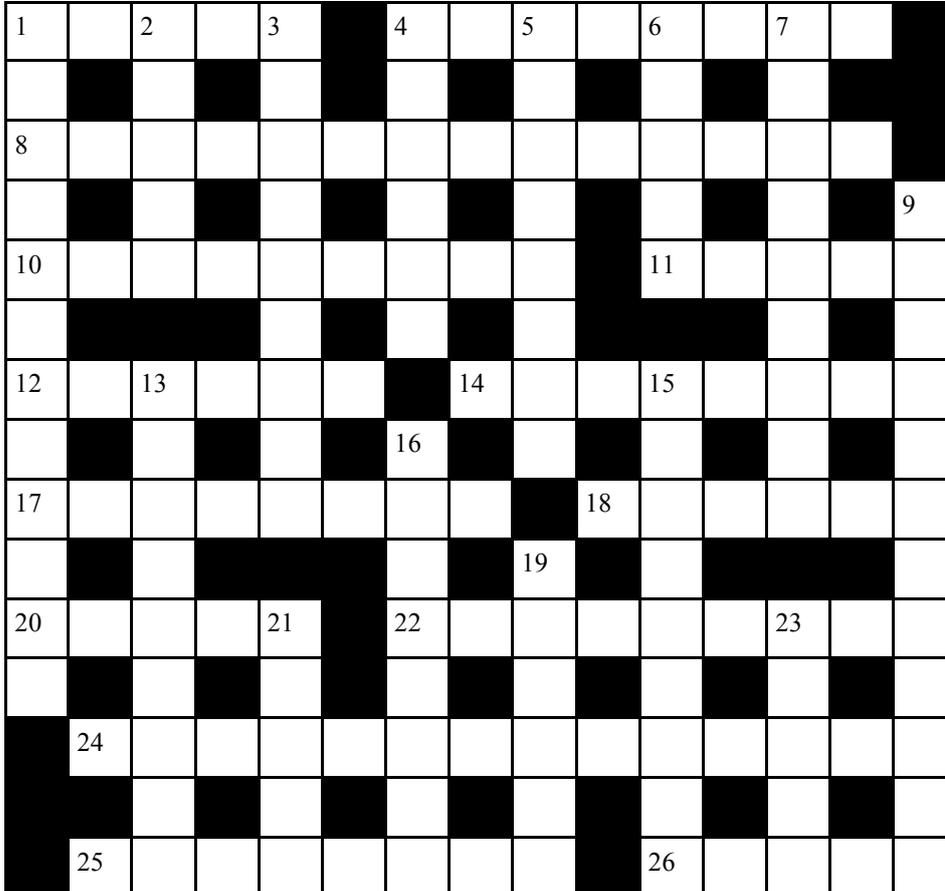
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27. CELANDINES

### DOWN

1. WATERWEED
2. LEAFCUP
3. LEADLESS
4. WORDS-WORTH HOTEL
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21. FROLIC

### NUMBER OF ENTRIES

March—3 April—6

### LAST MONTH'S WINNER

March—Barbara Lee  
April— Bernard Burrows

*Entries in before*  
Saturday 20th May

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*editors — see page 2.*

### ACROSS

1. Logs hills (5)
4. Not a pretty sight, heard it enlarged (8)
9. As phone thrown skywards onto the social ladder (8,6)
10. Half a monster in doctor's craft to make you late (9)
11. Sloes crumble to valley dust (5)
12. Worker fell off the South Pole leaving water-proof overshoe (6)
14. Don't forget about the MP (8)
17. Swan, maybe, not riven (8)
18. Hide visible directions around chromium (6)
20. Top of the world must alter prickle (5)
22. Undeveloped kid is on French island (9)
24. I praise a prompt steal (14)
25. Went backwards and lost the right to go out (8)
26. Stave sign has time for fissure (5)

### DOWN

1. Loud metal decay limits disappointments (12)
2. Bloom drops a note to noisy cow (5)
3. Italian fish lost energy but gained Scotsman (9)
4. Bob's shot! (6)
5. A French male wanted the face uncovered (8)
6. Sounds like this witch is a lady! (5)
7. Left inside, man can be reshaped (9)
9. Great men nest - but not together! (12)
13. Prancing about is endless direction in underground activity (9)
15. Irregular that Morecambe's about a coin (9)
16. University pie shop minced horse (but well before the horsemeat scandal) (8)
19. Old king's back street can provide (6)
21. Throw up - there's no end to delight! (5)
23. Daft to be mad without sulphur (5)

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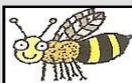
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### FRUITY RUMINATIONS

It has been decreed that eating 7-a-day is now the new formula for a longer healthier life.

So is spending 3 months a year in a luxury Caribbean Spa being cosseted by friendly natives but I won't be indulging in that either.

I'm sure it's all a cunning plan by the Greengrocers' Alliance to make us visit their clients' premises more. Heaven knows it's hard - and expensive - enough to consume five-a-day never mind an extra two. We live in a convenience-food society so buying all that fruit and veg (never mind actually finding the time to eat it) must take up an extraordinarily large part of daily life.

The inevitably heavier shopping bags would give us gorilla-like arms, knuckles scraping the ground. This may make us healthier but not terribly attractive. As a species we'd soon die out. How healthy's that?

Here at Whaletrouser Towers I do what I can but there's only so much home made multi-root vegetable soup and mixed bean salads my family will eat. Son and heir firmly believes ketchup, crisps and Fanta provide over half of his 5-a-day and is convinced that the onion on his kebab followed by Banana Angel Delight fully completes the daily recommendation - so steadfastly refuses to go anywhere near my wonderfully nourishing Boiled Turnip & Sprout Surprise. The surprise being that it lasts so long. Probably on account of no-one eating it.

My father, the late Baronet Whaletrouser, held fast that the juniper berries, olive and lemon slices comprising his nightly G&T championed the cause as did the vast amounts of grapes needed to provide several glasses of post prandial wine. Thus ensuring the five-a-day guidelines were not only rigorously adhered to but easily surpassed contributing as they did many portions of fruit. And whatever classification olives come under - they grow on trees so must surely count? You couldn't argue with his logic.

Course after that lot he was too imbibed to care. It must have worked since he lived to a ripe old age.

He was a stalwart of his local, The Flying Ferret, and oft regaled the other regulars with his little jokes after one too many. My how they chuckled when hearing his quips for the hundredth time.

He would cheekily pinch the long suffering barmaid's derrière and ask for a "Twelve course meal - eleven chips and a fish". Laugh? I thought she'd never start.

How I miss the old boy. If he were here now he'd soon tell the bureaucrats in Brussels what to do with their fruit (f)laws.

Euphemia Whaletrouser

### WELDON'S WORDS

When children remark that they are finding Latin difficult, my stock response is to point out some of the more bizarre spellings and pronunciations which make our language so confusing and challenging.

For example, we *read* a book (present tense, active voice). A book can be *read* (perfect tense, passive voice). The spelling is the same but the pronunciation is different.

However, we *lead* a horse to water (present tense, active voice). A horse can be *led* to water (perfect tense, passive voice). Both spelling and pronunciation are different.

If you add some nouns to the above, namely *reed* – pronounced the same as the first example but spelled differently – and *red* - pronounced the same as the second example but spelled differently, the confusion deepens.

However, the noun *lead* – the metal pilfered from church roofs – is spelled the same as the present active but pronounced the same as the perfect passive.

Not to mention *feed* and *fed* – or should that be *fead* and *fead*!

Befuddled? So am I!!

And then there's the word *set*, which can be a noun, adjective or verb, and has a multitude of meanings:

As a noun, it can refer to several things which belong together or form a group, as in 'a set of stamps' or, specifically in Maths, a collection of numbers. It can also refer to the background of a stage production. Spelled differently but pronounced the same, a badger's *sett* is where it lives.

As a verb, it can be what jelly does when it cools, what the sun does at the end of the day, what one does to the table before a meal, the adjustment sometimes required to a clock.

As an adjective, it can describe something which is fixed, such as a time; a set book is prescribed reading. Or the place name Reading. Or Otis Redding.....STOP!!

There are probably others too!

So how does one pronounce the word *ghoti*, I wonder? The same as the word for a small beard? Sounds logical but.....if you pronounce the '*gh*' as in the word *enough*, the '*o*' as in *women* and the '*ti*' as in *nation*.....got it yet? Yup, if you apply those rules, *ghoti* should be pronounced *fish*! Crazy!

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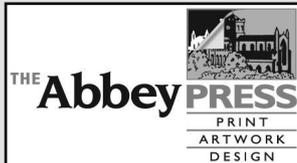


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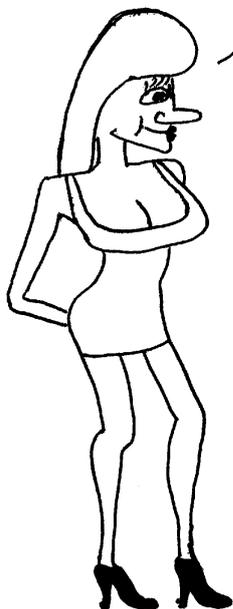
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The great late actress Kate O'Mara is no more. She has just died after a short illness.

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Fresh from her success in Dynasty, alongside Joan Collins, I expected a difficult demanding diva and got nothing of the sort.

We provided a tasty gourmet Welcome Pack in all of our properties so people could make themselves a hearty breakfast if arriving late at night. This time was no different and I showed her the basket of farm fresh eggs, Northumbrian sausage, black pudding and smoked bacon. All from our own Haydon Bridge butcher. This would be the best breakfast of her life!

Ms O'Mara was far too polite to point out she was a vegan. I only realised when an overjoyed neighbour told me the actress had popped round with the magnificent meat-feast the next day. He didn't know what was more exciting: meeting a beautiful celebrity or free sausage!

As if my faux-pas wasn't bad enough, the star called me after two days to say her car had been stolen from outside the flat. Great. What a warm welcome from the North East.

Not only was the situation salvaged by the landlord loaning her his Range Rover but Northumbria Police found her own car in double-quick time. Well it was a gleaming white open-top vintage coupé à la Penelope Pitstop so fairly difficult to overlook. Not too many motors like that up North!

Ah memories. She'll be driving that car high above now, still avoiding the bacon... God rest her soul.

Mavis Clutterbucket.



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## **THE SEVEN TON GREENHOUSE**

Plants can be fussy things. What with air, light, water, warmth and a good growing medium – growing can become an expensive business, if you let it. Perhaps the most expensive item is warmth, especially when it is provided by conventional heating sources. However, on a sunny day most greenhouses will become excessively hot and the doors and roof vents have to be opened to prevent the poor plants and gardeners from stewing. Huge amounts of valuable heat are vented straight into the atmosphere. It doesn't have to be like that, heat can be stored.

During the deepest winter months the amount of useful growing that is going on is quite modest and simple frost protection may be all that is required. Spring and autumn, however, can be made into useful additions to the growing season with only modest extra heat.

With this in mind, we have constructed a 3x6 metre Keder greenhouse on top of a five cubic metre blown hot-air, rock-filled heat store.

My son and I were lent a pair of tracked diggers with which we cleared a site (approx. 4.5x8 metres) that had previously been our barbeque area. The wind is so relentless there and the orientation of the barbeque had been such that it had tended to operate like a blast-furnace – deep frozen sausages could be reduced to charcoal sticks in the blink of an eye and the chef's wellies had to be ballasted with bricks to prevent loss of essential personnel.

The site is on an exposed Northumbrian hillside, facing south and dug into the ground by about 1.5 metres. Centrally within this area we dug a pit, a little over 5x1x1 metres.

There is an enormous amount of rock locally and, when excavated it, formed secure sides for the hole as well as material for the embankments around the site.

We lined the hole with weed-proof membrane and then carefully placed two 110mm drainage pipes in the corners, resting on sand, bordered by large rocks and covered by paving slabs – so that the weight of the rock-fill was not pressing on the pipes. These pipes had been cut at 45 degrees and the sections rotated so that a right angle was formed. The parts were held together by pop riveted aluminium patches and the joints smothered in fibreglass. Large holes were drilled in the lower sections to enhance the air distribution.



The hole was then filled with rocks of varying size. At the bottom of the hole we placed the largest, to allow the hot air to distribute itself across the bottom of the pit through the gaps between the rocks. The rocks became progressively smaller as we got toward the surface. When the pit was full, we covered the entire surface of the site with more weed-proof membrane on which we then set the foundation perimeter frame of the greenhouse which was then filled with gravel – two tons of it, which had to be barrowed 150 metres uphill from the road!

We reckon that the whole mass of rock, gravel and slabs involved amounts to about seven tons and then the native rock in the hole sides will be helping to form an even greater thermal store too.

No insulation was used because the heat store edges are at least half a metre from the greenhouse perimeter and, therefore, any heat soaking into the ground is still effectively where we want it - inside.

The remainder of the greenhouse was then built as shown.



The vertical pipes have been painted matt black to maximise the solar gain and 120mm fans have been fitted to the tops. The current 12 volt fans are from RS and are rated at 10 watts and 255cfm each. We had originally fitted some similarly sized but much lower rated computer fans which proved insufficient.

The air blown into the store finds its way back to the surface through a small bore pipe (which was installed to permit thermometer probe placement at the lowest possible level) and evenly through the whole gravel surface.

Originally a single 10 watt 12 volt solar panel from CPS Solar was fitted on an elevated fixed mounting but this proved insufficient and we have fitted a second one. The panels are now mounted on a tilting device to permit seasonal adjustment. We have fitted electronic max and min thermometers in the bottom of the rock store, at ground level, at ceiling level and externally to monitor progress.

Initially, the temperature in the bottom of the rock store was 6.3 degrees C and now, after about two months of autumn weather it has risen to 8.9. The highest we have seen in five years is 18 degrees C.

This may sound like slow progress but bear in mind that the amount of heat energy in a given volume of air is tiny compared to the amount of heat that can be stored in the same volume of rock. It's going to take months, or possibly years, to reach a steady state – the corollary being that it will take months to cool down. Furthermore, the whole system is autonomous and, more or less, fail-safe – there are no switches, control circuits, batteries nor fluids to freeze.

The risk of flooding in the rock store is zero because of local ground conditions (bone dry heath on rock on top of a hill). Likewise, any condensation will simply seep away.

Eventually, we hope, the rock store will act to damp out the diurnal fluctuations in temperature in the greenhouse by keeping the floor gently warmed at all times – rather like a Roman hypocaust, allowing a useful extension to the growing season without any additional expense. We suspect that the temperature in the rock store may settle in the mid to high teens in late summer and that the mid-winter temperature inside the greenhouse should rarely, if ever, dip below freezing.

In it's first year of operation we had fresh strawberries in December!

Northumberland is noted for its many Roman remains. A solar powered and heated blown-air rock-filled hypocaust nicely updates the technology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Steve Ford

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Over the ensuing years there have been many changes and exciting projects not least of which were our 300 year celebrations and the very recent change of status from First to Primary.

Audrey has kept the family at the very heart of our school and endeavoured to ensure each individual child has experienced a rich, exciting and successful start to their educational life. During her time here the school has also been a major part of the community, participating in many 'get togethers' such as the Christmas lighting up celebrations.

Audrey has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Shaftoe working with children, parents, staff and the community. We thank Audrey sincerely for her dedication over the past 20 years and wish her well as she embarks on the next phase in her life.

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# THE LOCAL ARTISTS SUMMER EXHIBITION

**22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

## **Of Paintings, Sculpture, Photography, or Embroidery Pictures**

1. Entry is open to artists born, resident, educated or with connections to the Parish of Haydon Bridge.
2. Up to 5 framed works may be submitted, the last one listed may be held in reserve if hanging space becomes limited.
3. Entry fee is **£1:00 per work**. Please make cheques payable to 'Haydon Local Artists Association' and attach to the application form below.
4. Entry forms should be submitted 2 weeks before the commencement of the exhibition but no later than **Sat 8<sup>th</sup>. June**.
5. A label should be fixed to the back of the work giving your **Name, Address, Title of Work, Medium, and Price** if for Sale (or **N.F.S. if not**)
6. All pictures should be strongly framed with fixings for hanging. Maximum frame size of approximately **71x79 cms (28x31ins)**.
7. **Unframed mounted works** may be submitted but on a **one framed for one unframed** basis at an entry fee of **50p.each**. These unframed mounted works must be enclosed in a clear poly wrap for protection with artist's name and picture details on the back. Maximum size again **71x79 cms [28x31ins]** including the mount.
8. The organizing committee reserves the right to select or reject work at their discretion.
9. The works are exhibited at the owner's risk. Any insurance deemed necessary should be arranged by the artist.
10. Works for sale will be on a **20%** commission basis. Proceeds will be used to offset the exhibition costs.
11. Works must be at the Haydon Bridge Community Centre between **9:00 am. & 11:00 am. on Saturday 21<sup>nd</sup>.JUNE** (and collected at the end of the exhibition, **but not before 6.00.pm. on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>.JUNE**).
12. Exhibitors will be encouraged to act as invigilators during the exhibition.
13. Entrants are automatically invited to the preview on **Saturday 21<sup>nd</sup>.JUNE** from **5.00 PM.TO 7.00 pm**.  
**These will be issued by e-mail with a limited number for their friends and patrons on request**
- 14 If you have any queries regarding your exhibits, please telephone Robert Ford 01434 684486.

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